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Minegishi Nobuaki

OLD BOY

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MEMORIES OF A MAN IN SEARCH OF TRUTH

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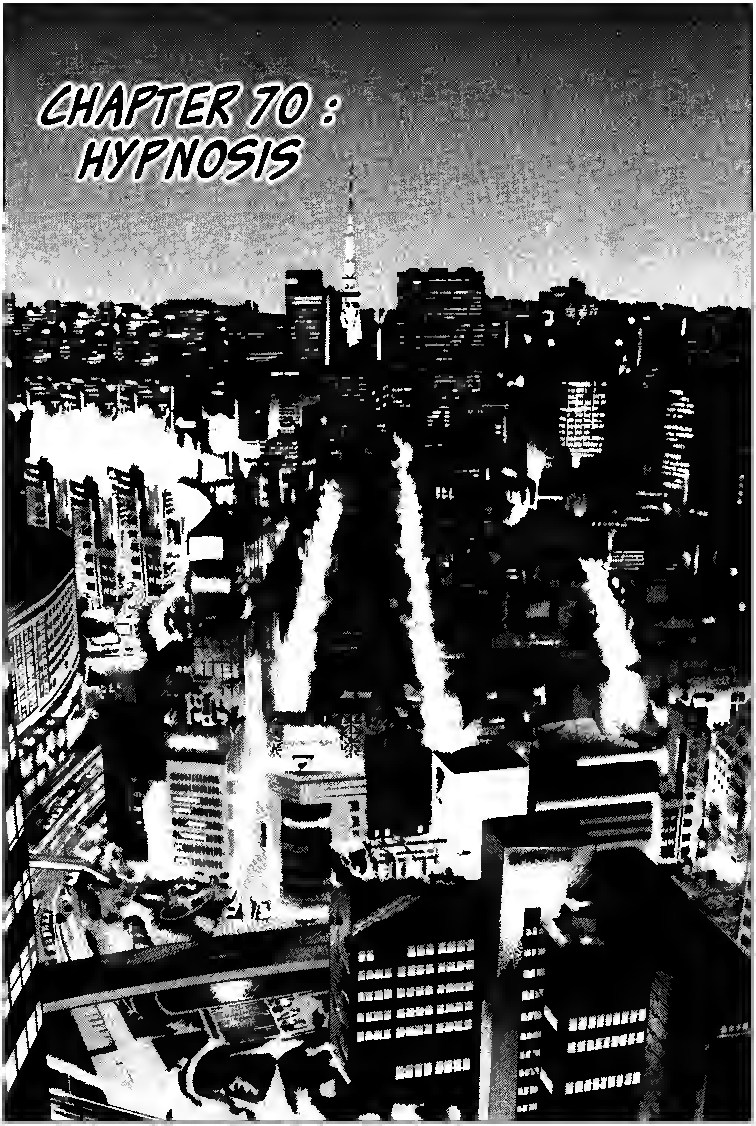
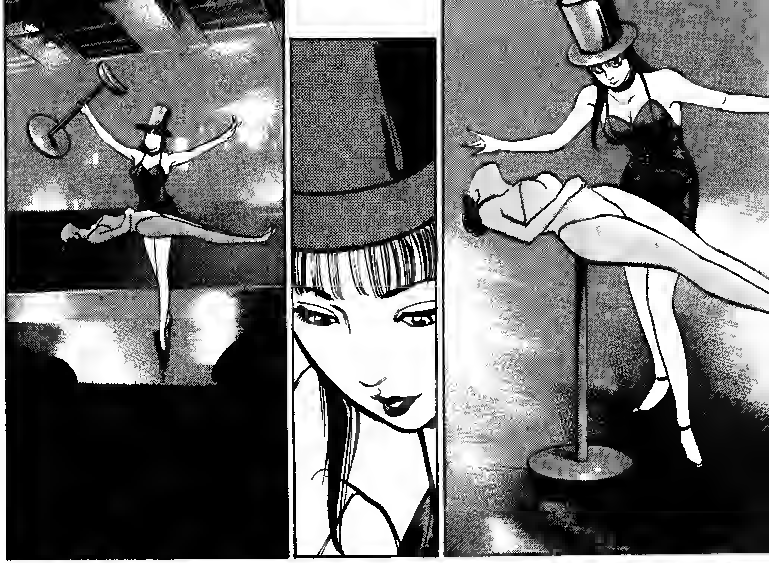
CHAPTER 70 : HYPNOSIS





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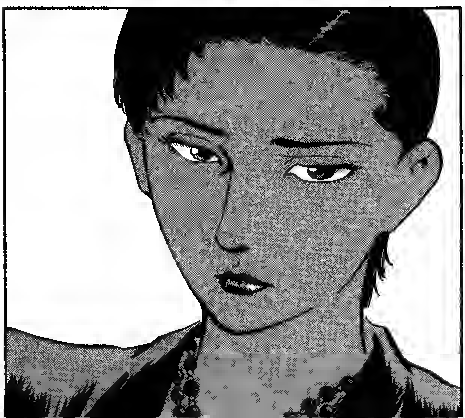

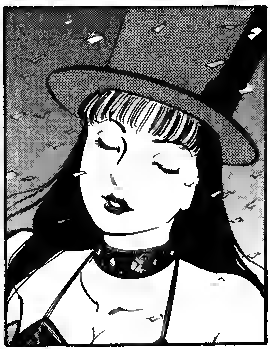

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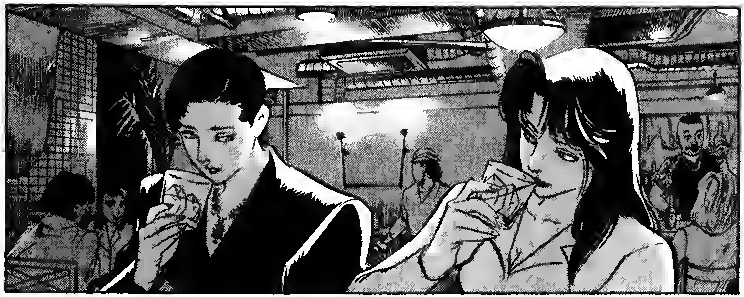
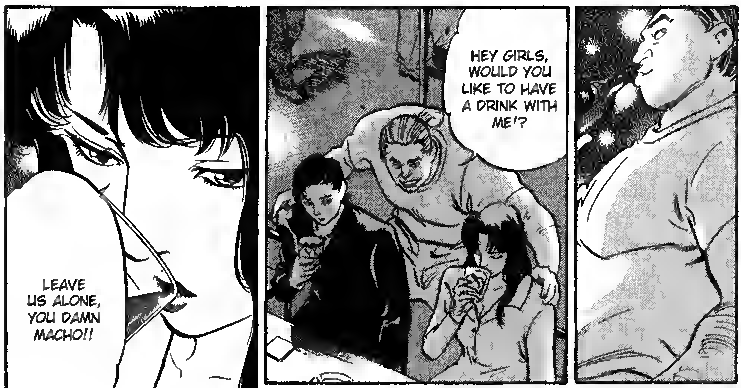
A PRESENT FROM A FAN!
THEY MUST HAVE BEEN EXPENSIVE!

WHAT KIND OF FAN?
A WOMAN... BUT I CAN'T TELL HOW OLD SHE IS..
LET HER IN!
MISS SUZANNE HIROSE WOULD PERSONALLY LIKE TO THANK YOU!
THANK YOU.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE FLOWERS
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE DONE THIS KIND OF THING, BUT... WHEN I SAW YOUR SHOW, IT REMINDED ME OF MY CHILD-HOOD!
FFF...
YOU'RE ALL SET FOR TONIGHT, YOU CAN GO HOME NOW!
PLEASE!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A DRINK WITH ME?




HEY GIRLS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A DRINK WITH ME!?
LEAVE US ALONE, YOU DAMN MACHO!!

SO COOL!
COME ON, LET'S CLINK GLASSES ONCE AGAIN!
I'D LIKE ONE TOO, PLEASE!

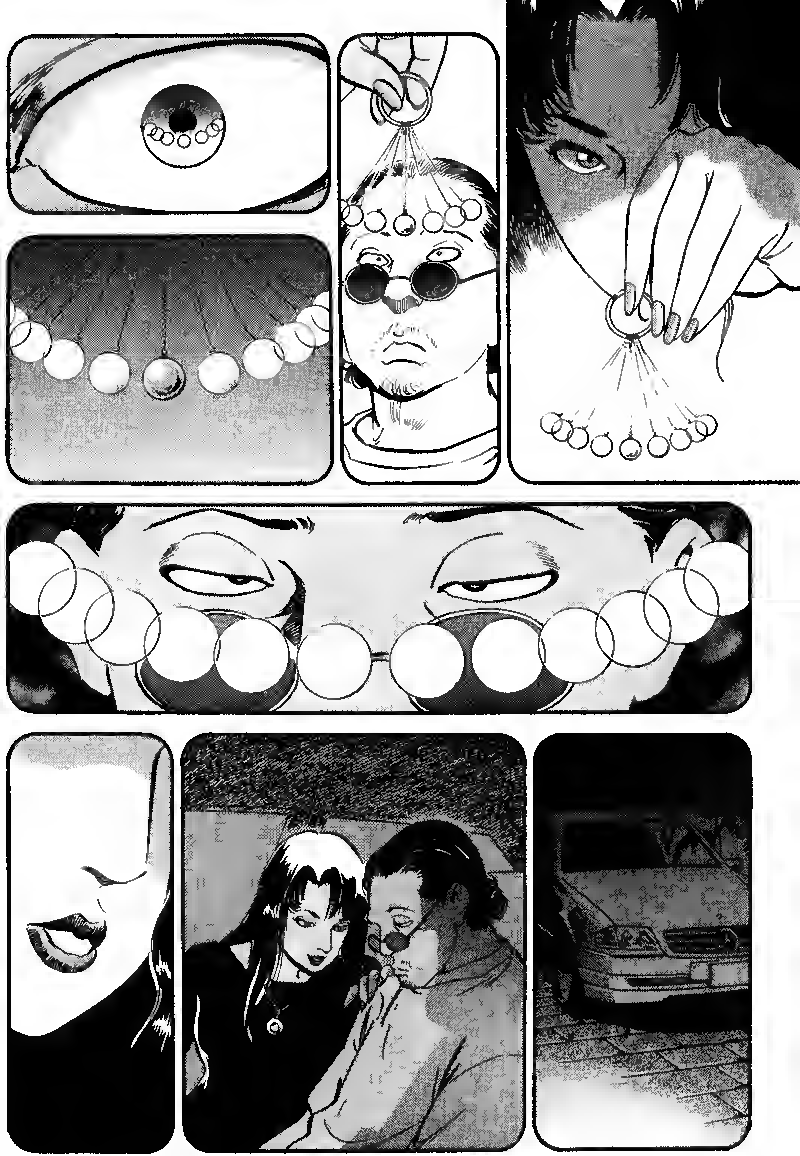
IT'S ABOUT FLOOR 7.5, RIGHT!?
HOW DO YOU KNOW?
IT'S OBVIOUS I SEE RIGHT AWAY THAT YOU'VE GOT YOUR REASONS TO BE HERE!
THOSE WHO GET CLOSE TO ME ARE EITHER RICH OLD MEN WHO THINK THEY CAN GET ME WITH THEIR MONEY...
OR SO-CALLED MARRIED LESBIANS!

TO ASK ME FOR A HYPNOSIS AND OFFER SUCH AN AMOUNT OF MONEY!
THAT GUY HAD HIS REASONS TOO...
ARE YOU READY TO TAKE THE RISKS?
WHAT RISKS?
...
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT!
I'D LIKE TO KNOW...

MAYBE IF YOU AGREE TO SLEEP WITH ME, I'LL TELL YOU EVERY-THING...
YOU KNOW... I REALLY AM A LESBIAN!
ANYWAY, I THINK THAT WE'RE ALIKE... I DON'T KNOW WHY!
I'M KIDDING! I SEE THAT IT'S NOT YOUR THING!
PFF..

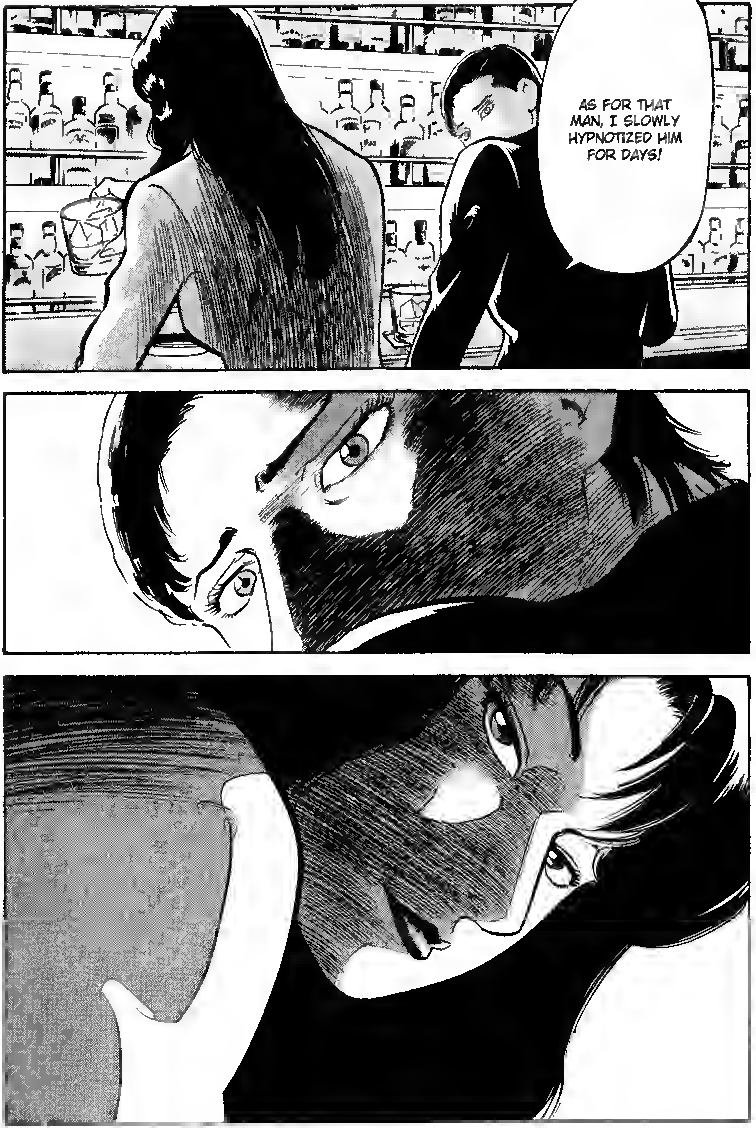
I BEG OF YOU SOMEONE'S LIFE IS IN DANGER, THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS STORY!
YOU KNOW, I'M A WEIRD WOMAN, I DON'T CARE ABOUT JUSTICE OR LOGIC!
I'LL TRY TO CHAT HER UP A BIT

I CAN GIVE YOU INFORMATION UP TO A CERTAIN POINT!
YOU MUST KNOW THAT I HAD FREE ACCESS TO THAT FLOOR!
ABOUT WHAT I WAS ASKED TO DO



FROM THAT NIGHT ON, I JUST HAD TO SHOW THAT CRYSTAL KEY RING TO GET IN THERE AS MUCH AS I WANTED!
CLING
TRRR

CLAC
CLAC

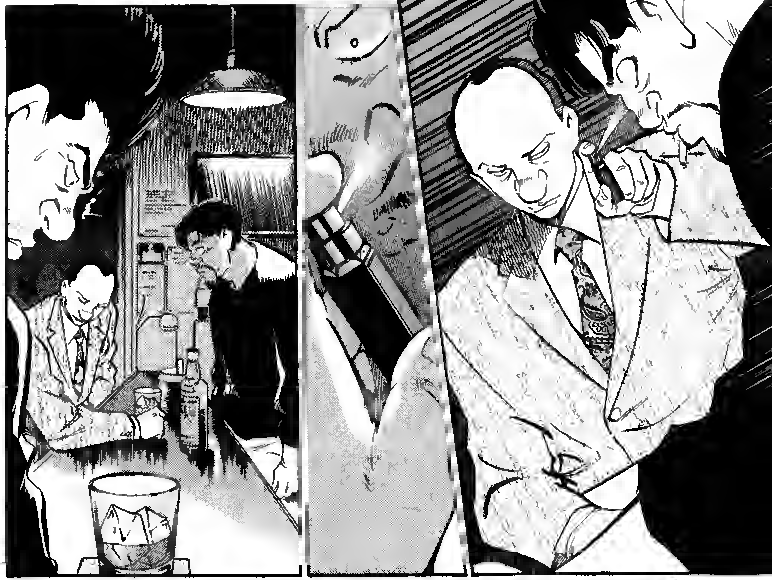

AS FOR THAT MAN, I SLOWLY HYPNOTIZED HIM FOR DAYS!

CLAC

CHAPTER 71 : LIMIT

HELLO!
TONIGHT, YOUR SECRETARY, THE CHARMING MISS RYOKO, IS NOT HERE! PROBABLY BECAUSE OF HER MENSTRUAL PROBLEMS
SO, GOTO...
CRASH!

ERI...?
HOW'S ERI?
I REALIZED IT WASN'T NECESSARY TO PLACE ANY MORE HANDICAPS OTHER THAN THE ONES I'VE ALREADY PLACED UNTIL NOW!
I LOOKED FOR HER IN THAT POOL HALL IN THE KYOJIMA DISTRICT BUT... HAHA...
OVERTIME...!?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S TIME TO END THE OVERTIME?



BOW!

GOTO, CLOSE THE DOOR!
SINCE IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS, YOU'RE FREE TO TAKE A NAP!
TURN OFF THE LIGHT!
CLAC
MOON DOG
CLIC
MOON DOG

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "LIMIT"?
IT'S TIME TO END THIS GAME, DON'T YOU THINK SO?

THE MUSIC CLASSROOM
A TOWN IN BLOOM
SO, YOU STILL HAVEN'T RECOVERED YOUR MEMORY YET!?
COME ON, THERE'S ONLY ONE MORE STEP!

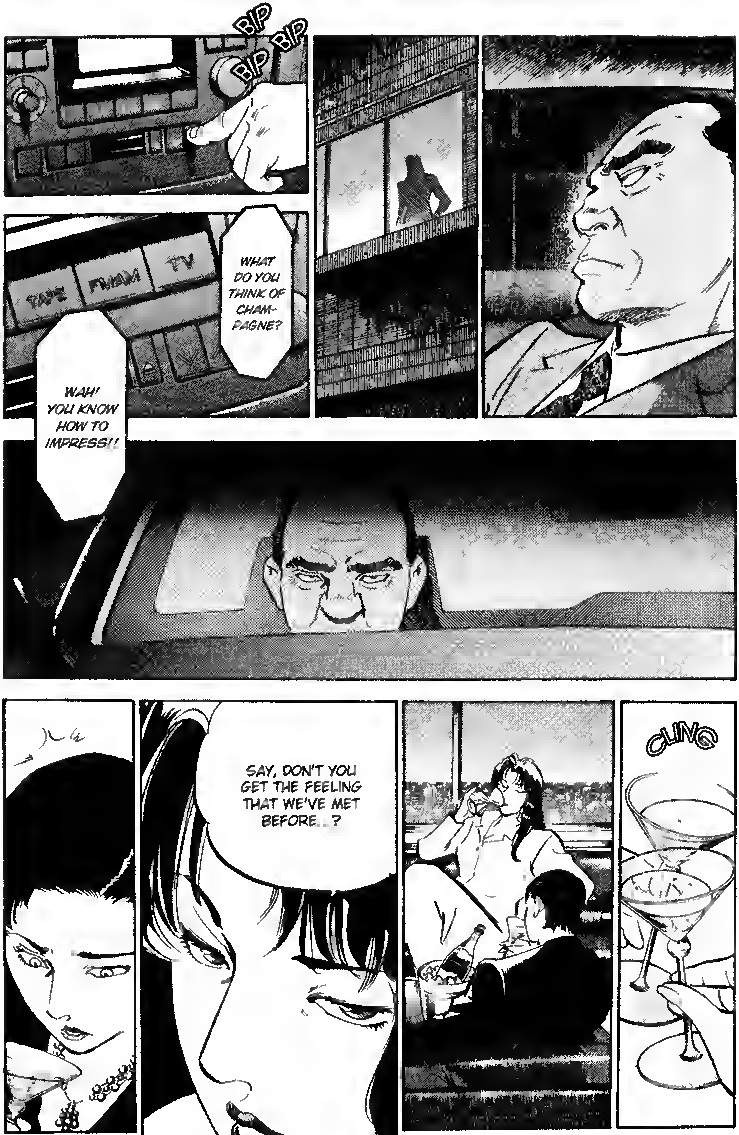
HUH? WHY IS IT CLOSED?
CLAC
CLAC
MOAN
ING
DAMMIT! WE CAME JUST FOR THAT!!
BOM

DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE MY INFORMATION NETWORK!
HOW COME YOU KNOW ALL THIS...!?
ALL THIS IS BECAUSE I WAS CHOSEN FOR THE SINGING CONTEST ORGANIZED BY THE CITY OF TOKYO...?
SO, I WAS RIGHT WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR IS LINKED TO THAT SONG?
IT'S SOMETHING MUCH MORE TERRIBLE!
IT ALMOST LOOKS LIKE A GREEK TRAGEDY!!
PFF... I'M NOT AS LOW AS THAT!

THEN WHY DID THAT EVENT DISAPPEAR FROM MY MEMORY!?
MAYBE...
THIS IS JUST A HALLUCINATION OF YOURS!?
IN REALITY, THERE'S NOTHING!!
HI HI HI...
IN THE END...
YOUR GUILT MADE YOU FORGET!

DON'T YOU WANT TO TELL ME MORE ABOUT IT?
WHY NOT? IF WE FIND A QUIET PLACE TO DRINK!
DO YOU WANNA COME TO MY PLACE? IT'S NOT FAR FROM HERE!
THAT'S GREAT!!

THERE'S A REASON FOR THIS TOO!
WAH... YOU MUST BE RICH!!

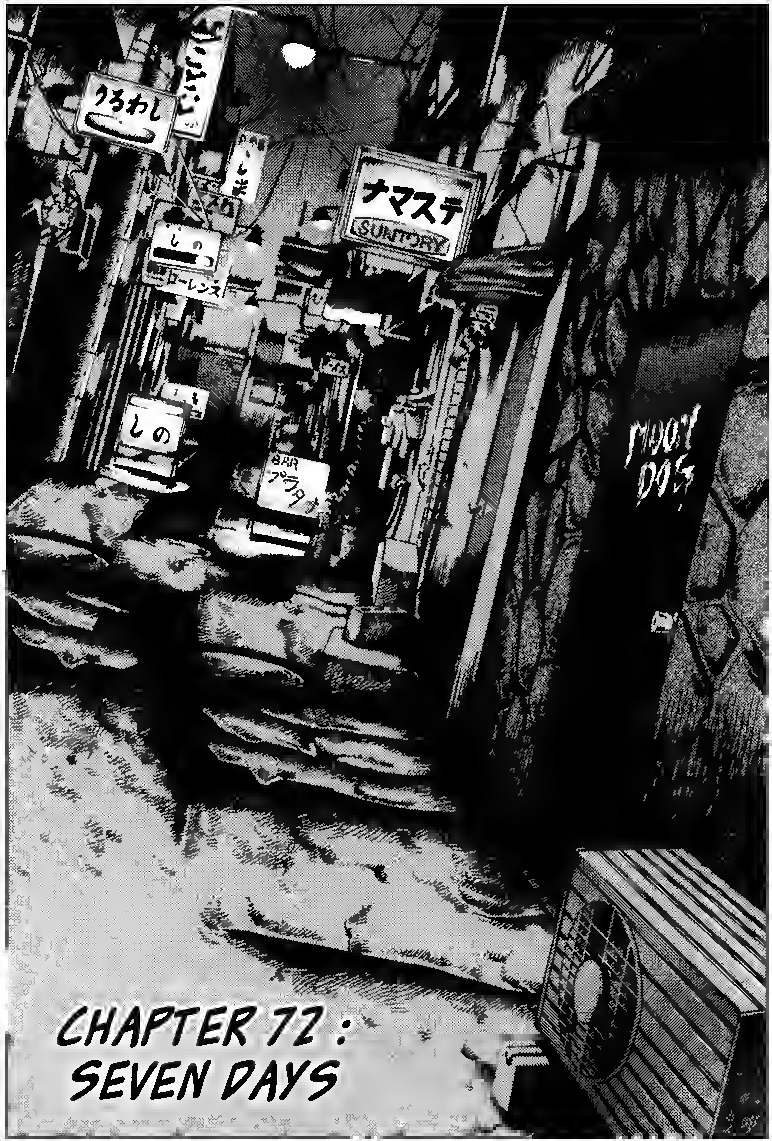

BIP BIP BIP
TAPE
PHOTO
TV
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF CHAMPAGNE?
WAH! YOU KNOW HOW TO IMPRESS!!
SAY, DON'T YOU GET THE FEELING THAT WE'VE MET BEFORE...?
CLINK

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!! I'VE BEEN HYPNOTIZED TOO...?
AAAHH, THAT'S FUNNY!! I HAVE THE FEELING THAT I COULD TELL YOU THE WHOLE TRUTH!
FFF
NO, I WAS JUST KIDDING!
DON'T WORRY, THIS IS OUR FIRST TIME MEETING!!

SUNTORY
SUNTORY

WILD TURKEY
KENTUCKY STRAIGHT BOURBON WHISKEY

IN ONE WEEK...
I'M LISTENING, CHOOSE THE LIMIT!!
TODAY IS TUESDAY...
YES! NEXT TUESDAY, EVERYTHING WILL BE OVER!!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CHAPTER 72 :
SEVEN DAYS

ONE WEEK... THE "WAR" WILL END THEN!

EXACTLY ONE WEEK FROM NOW.
IS THAT OK 'Y WITH YOU?

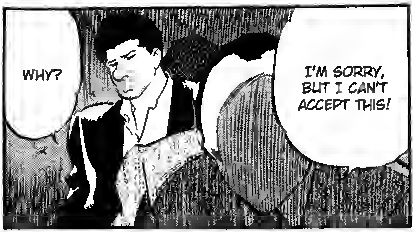
WAIT!!
I HAVE A CONDI-TION!
WE CAN'T STAY HERE!
HAHA... WHAT IS IT?

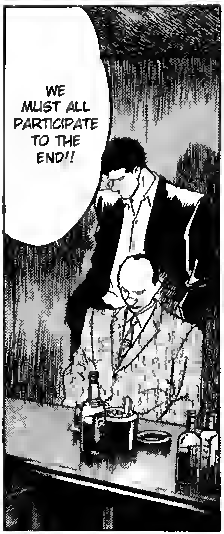
YOU'RE IN A HURRY, ABOVE ALL....
I'M A LITTLE STRANGE TONIGHT!
I SHOULD HAVE GONE OUT WITH YOU....
EXCUSE ME, IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ME AT ALL!
THAT CONDITION, WHAT IS IT?
PFF... THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!
BECAUSE YOU REALIZED THAT EVERYTHING IS NOT AS YOU'D PLANNED AM I WRONG?

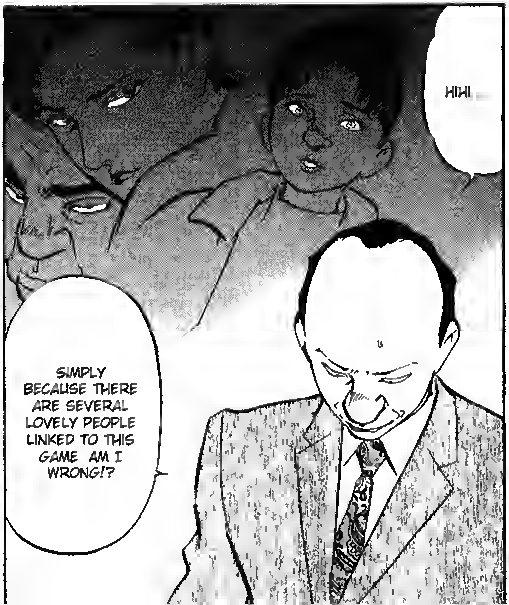
FROM NOW UNTIL TUESDAY, WE'LL HAVE TO SPEND THIS WEEK TOGETHER!
ALL THIS IS BETWEEN YOU AND ME! SO, I'M ASKING YOU NOT TO INVOLVE ANYONE ELSE!!
WE CAN GO TO A DESERT ISLAND ON YOUR BOAT ...
OR... WE CAN STAY LOCKED UP AT YOUR HOUSE...
ONLY THE TWO OF US...

KNOW THAT I'LL DO EVERYTHING TO SAVE MY LIFE!
WHEN YOU'RE GOING TO EXECUTE ME...
BUT...
MAYBE I WON'T REMEMBER THE EVENT LINKED TO THAT SONG...

WE MUST SPEND THIS WEEK TO-GETHER!


WHY?
I'M SORRY, BUT I CAN'T ACCEPT THIS!


WE MUST ALL PARTICIPATE TO THE END!!

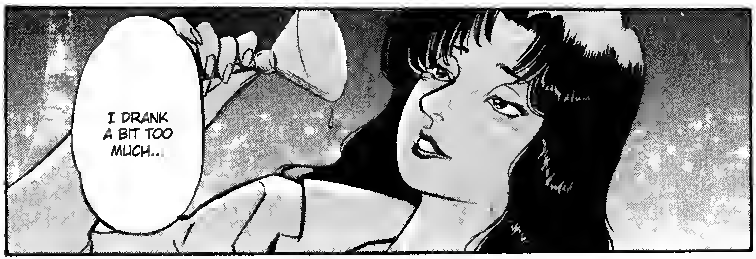

HIHI...
SIMPLY BECAUSE THERE ARE SEVERAL LOVELY PEOPLE LINKED TO THIS GAME AM I WRONG!?

WAN!

IF YOU DON'T ACCEPT MY CONDI-TION..
I'LL BEAT YOU UP OUTSIDE, RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE GOLDEN TOWN!!
SOMEONE WILL CALL THE POLICE AND I'LL BE ARRESTED!!
THEN, THIS STORY...
FLOOR 7.5 AND ALL YOUR MACHIAVELLIAN PLANS TO TRACK ME DOWN WILL BE UNVEILED!!

BADAM!
I HAVEN'T CALLED THE POLICE YET SIMPLY BECAUSE YOU WERE CHASING ME AND TRIED TO FOOL ME!!
W... WAIT PLEASE!!
I GIVE UP...!

I DON'T WANT YOU TO DO THIS!!
FFF
FFF
FFF
FFF
I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE
I'LL ACCEPT YOUR CONDI-TION!

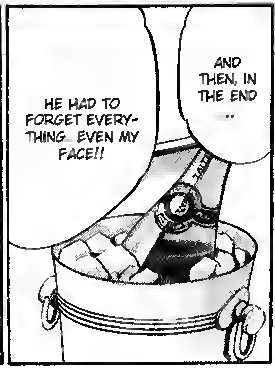

I DRANK A BIT TOO MUCH...

NO PROBLEM

MIND IF I TAKE OFF SOME CLOTHES?
IT'S HOT IN HERE

THE HYPNOSIS I PERFORMED ON THE MAN ON FLOOR 7.5 CONSISTED OF...
MAKING HIM GO TO A RESTAURANT IN SHIBUYA...

MY FACE SHOULDN'T EVOKE ANY MEMORIES, EVEN IF WE MET BY CHANCE IN THE STREET!

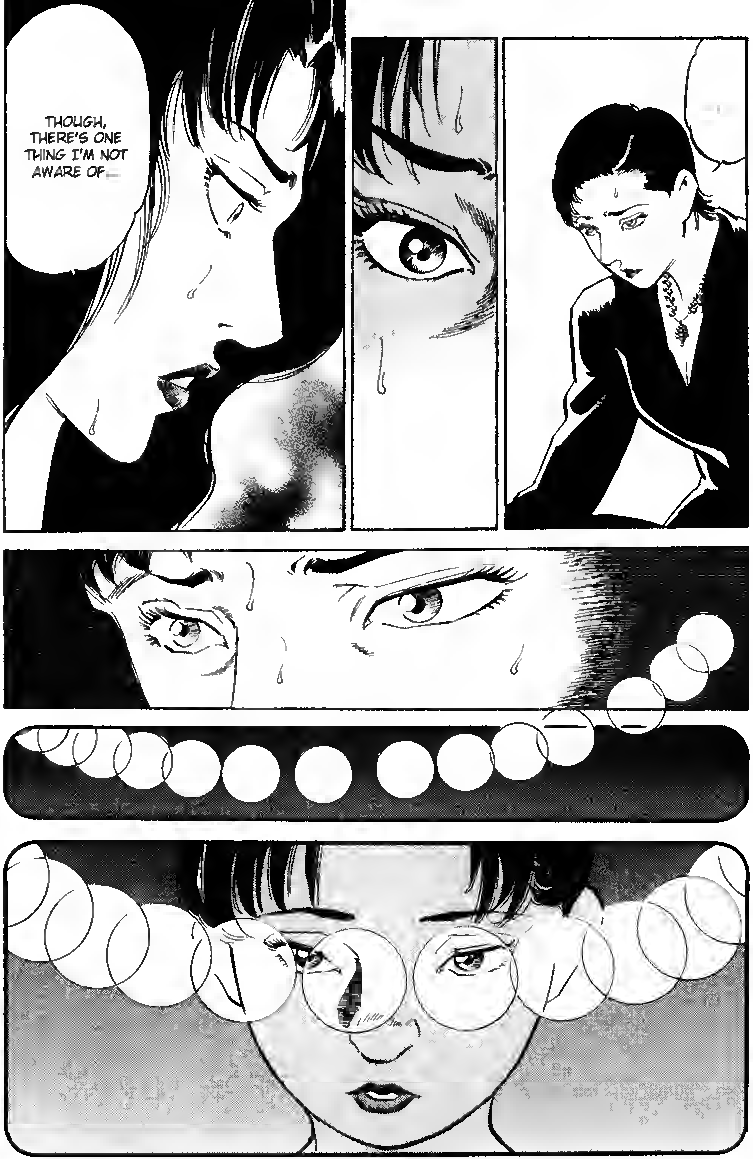

HE HAD TO FORGET EVERYTHING, EVEN MY FACE!!
AND THEN, IN THE END...

AND MEETING A VERY SPECIFIC YOUNG GIRL...

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
IF ONLY THAT MAN HAS BEEN HYPNOTIZED, HOW COME THE GIRL...
BUT...
I WAS ASKED TO HYPNOTIZE THE YOUNG GIRL AT THE SAME TIME...

DON'T YOU HAVE THE GIFT OF CLAIRVOY-ANCE?
EXCUSE ME!
YES...?

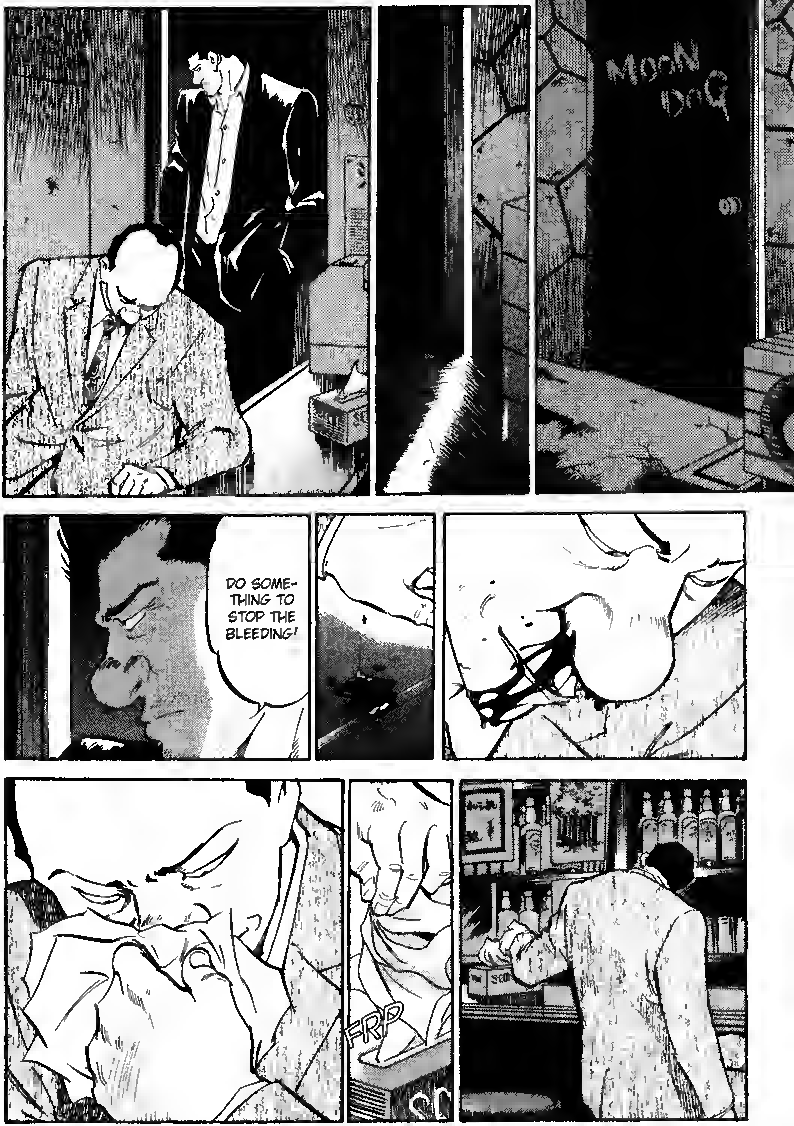
SHE WAS STILL A VIRGIN, NO DOUBT ABOUT IT! — SHE HAD A RELIGIOUS SIDE... YES, IT WAS THAT GIRL!!
I DID WHAT I WAS ASKED...
YES!
MAKE HER FALL IN LOVE WITH THE MAN FROM FLOOR 7.5...?


THOUGH, THERE'S ONE THING I'M NOT AWARE OF...

DING
DONG
FINE, I'LL GO ON A WALK FOR FIVE MINUTES. YOU'RE FREE TO ASK HER WHATEVER YOU WANT!
TING

WHAT COULD SHE HAVE ASKED HER WHILE I WAS AWAY...!?
I'VE GOT A REALLY BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...

CHAPTER 73 :
FIVE MINUTES OF
BLANKNESS


MOON DOG
DO SOME-THING TO STOP THE BLEEDING!
FRP

I GUESS YOUR AGENT IS FOLLOWING ME TONIGHT, TOO!?
SOMETIMES IT'S SOMEONE ELSE!
I'M GOING OUTSIDE WITH GOTO!
IT'S ME!
...
BIP
BIP
IT'S USELESS TO FOLLOW US!
THAT'S AN ORDER!!

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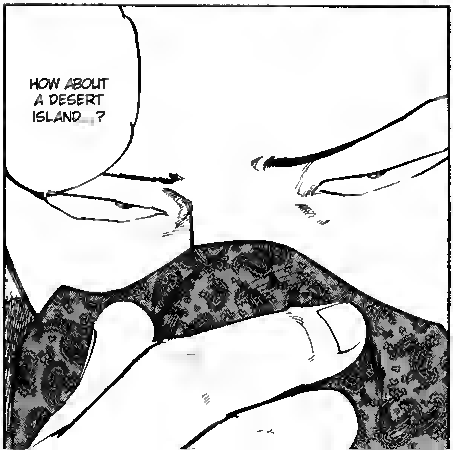
WHERE ARE WE GOING ...?

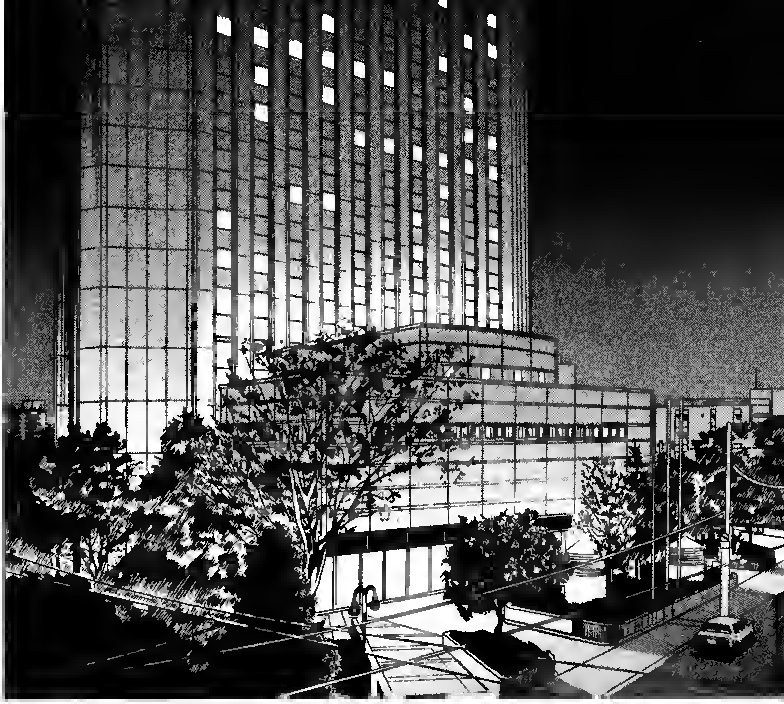

HOW ABOUT A DESERT ISLAND...?

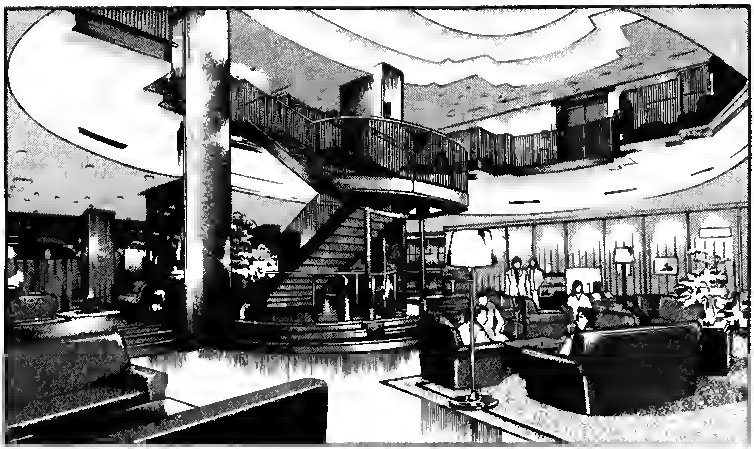
THOSE FIVE MINUTES OF BLANKNESS...

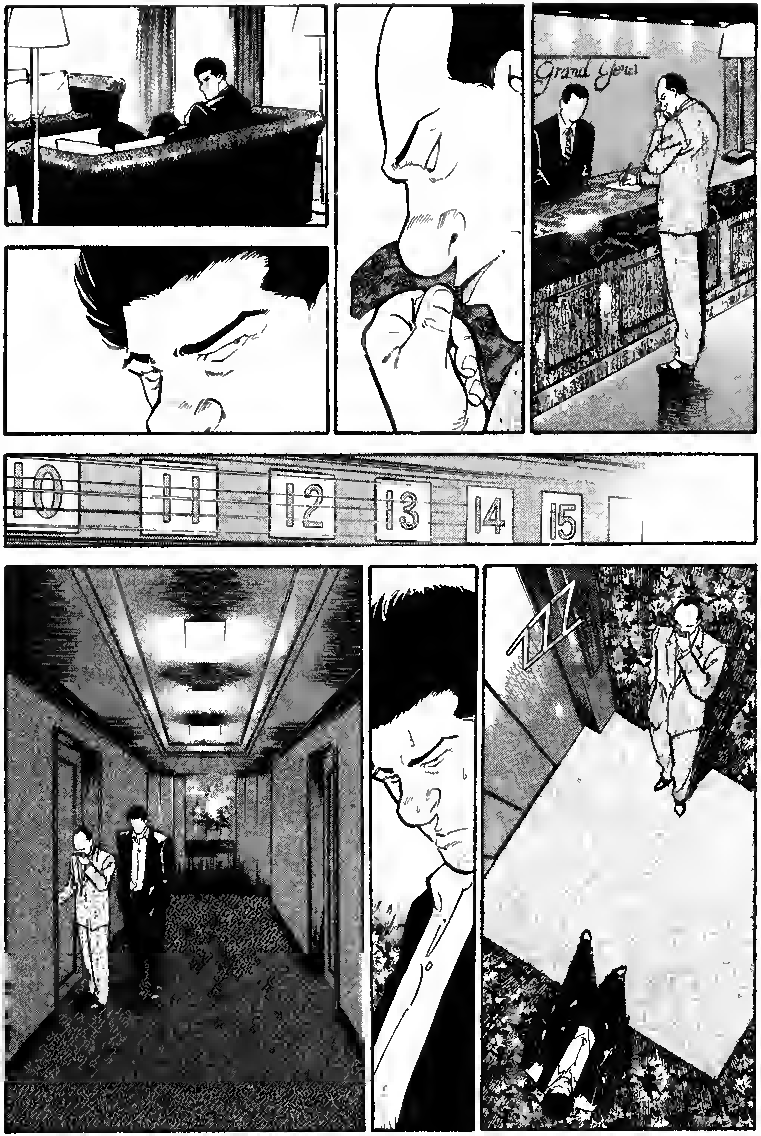
I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT SHE WAS ASKED TO DO!
BUT NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, IT WAS TOO WELL PLANNED!
I THOUGHT IT WAS A LOVE STORY, AS USUAL!
YOU KNOW... I ONLY ACCEPTED A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY IN EXCHANGE, SO...
A PRO-TECTION ...?
YES UNLESS THEY PUT UP A PROTECTION
IF I BROUGHT THAT GIRL HERE, DO YOU THINK YOU COULD DISCOVER WHAT HAPPENED DURING THOSE FIVE MINUTES?

IF THE CLIENT IS AS SMART AS I THINK HE IS, HE SHOULD'VE DONE SOMETHING SO I WON'T BE ABLE TO CANCEL...
...ANOTHER HYPNOSIS... PROBABLY ...?

!!
GLOU
GLOU
AS FAR AS THE MAN IS CONCERNED, HE ONLY DEALT WITH YOU?
OKAY, THERE ARE FIVE MINUTES OF BLANKNESS FOR THE GIRL, BUT...
YES, MAYBE I...
DO YOU THINK YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE HIM REMEMBER A SPECIAL EVENT THAT HAPPENED IN PRIMARY SCHOOL...?
IF YOU WOULD MEET HIM...
YES!



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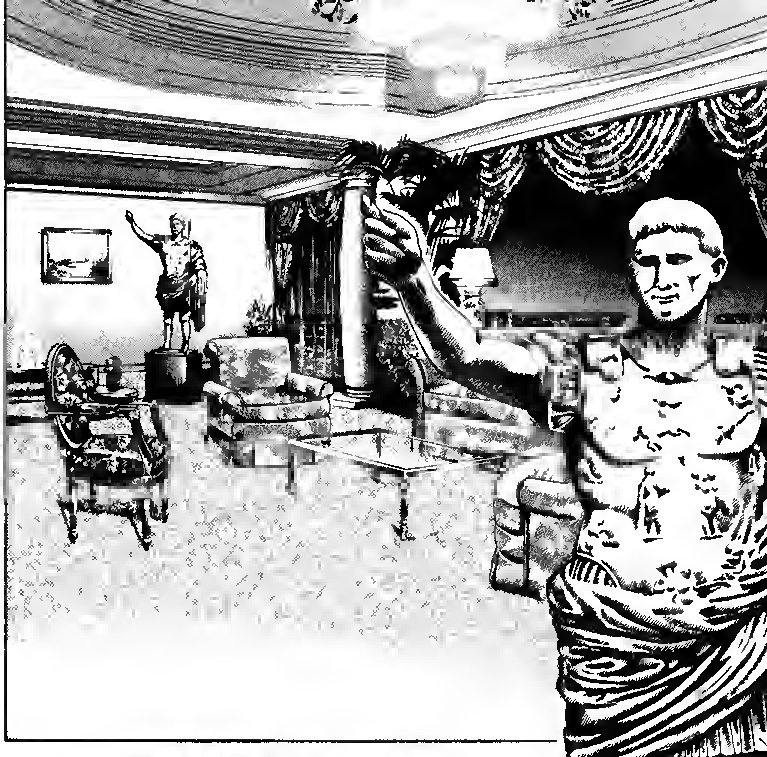
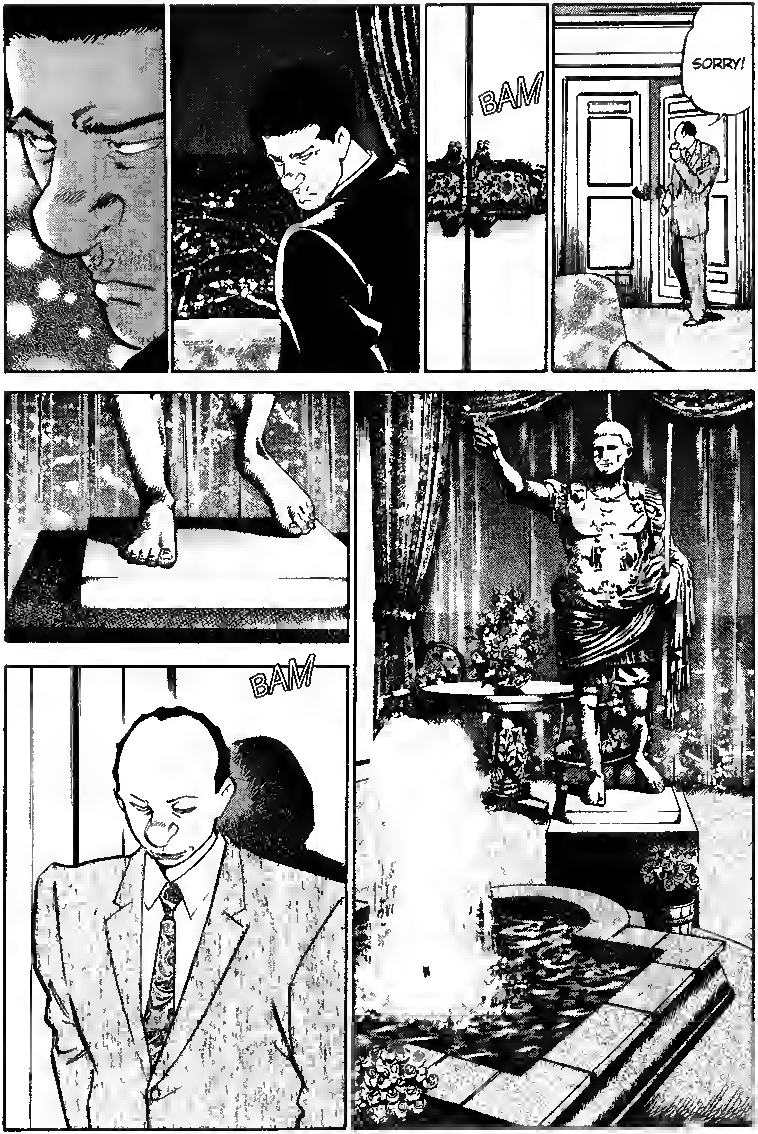


IT HAS SEVERAL ROOMS AND BATHROOMS IT'S PERFECT FOR US!
IT'S A SUITE THAT I'VE USED A FEW TIMES FOR BUSINESS ...
ARE YOU REALLY READY TO SPEND THE WHOLE WEEK HERE WITH ME...?
HI HI HI ...
DO YOU THINK THAT THIS ROOM WILL BECOME OUR DESERT ISLAND...!?


BAM
SORRY!
BAM

I DON'T REALLY KNOW...
IS THAT PART OF YOUR PLAN, TOO..?
DO YOU WANNA DRINK SOMETHING?
THE EXECUTION TOOL!
...!?
DON'T YOU HAVE THE FEELING THAT THERE'S SOMETHING MISSING...

VRM
VRM
VRM
VRM
TCHAC

...
CLIC
IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THIS WEAPON WILL BE USED TO KILL ONE OF US!
ANY OBJECTION?

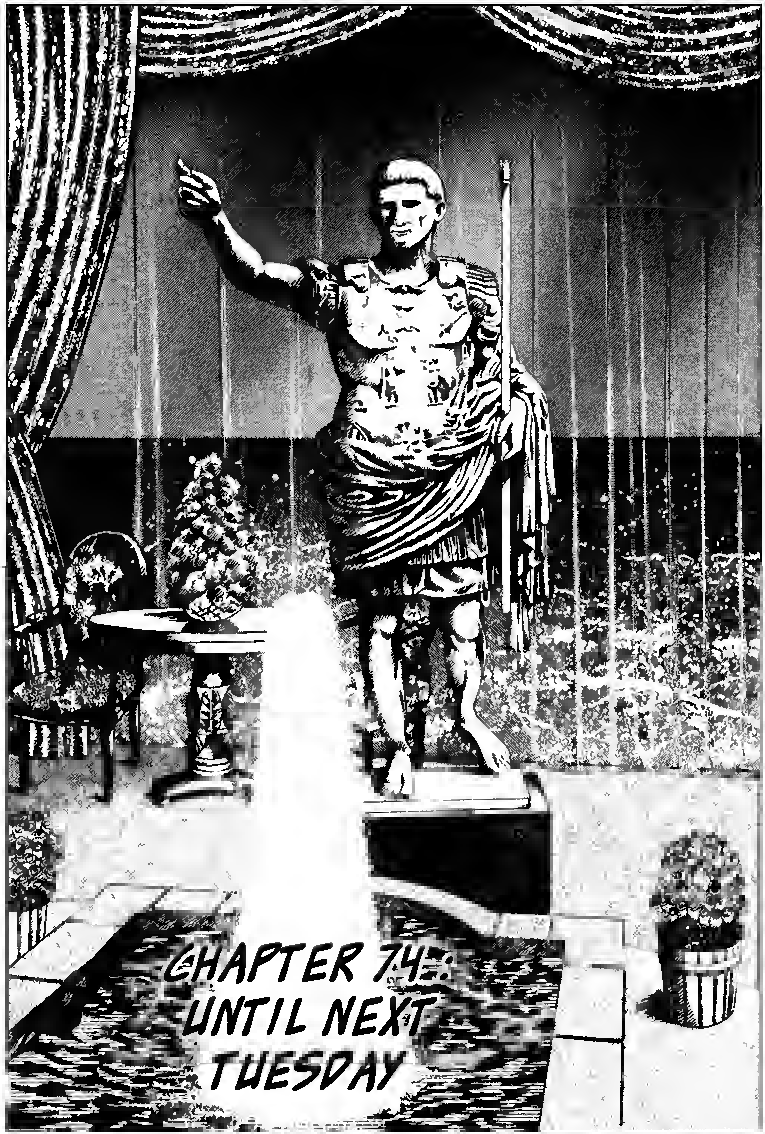
GOOD
IT'S TIME
FOR YOU TO
REMEMBER

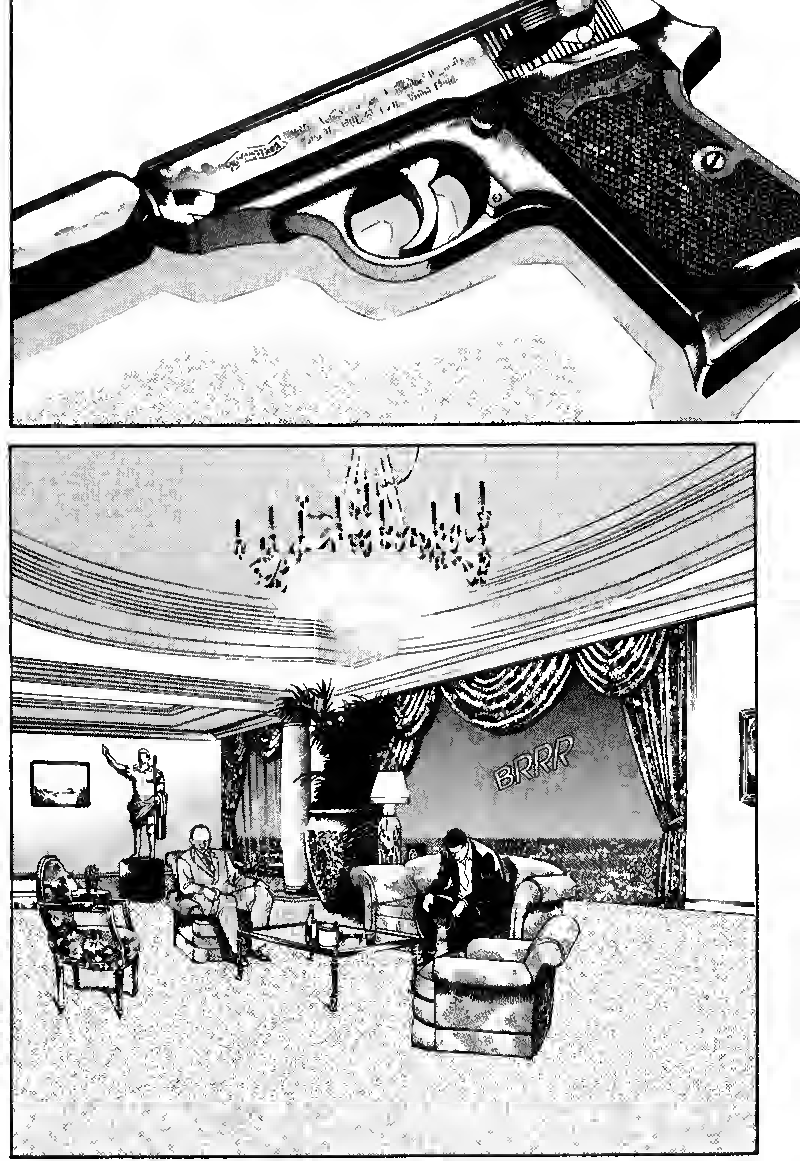
WHEN
A LONELY
FEELING
THAT
PRECISE
MOMENT IN
A MAN'S
LIFE...

VIOLENTLY
ENCOUNTERS
ANOTHER...

A [illegible] OF WIND IS [illegible] THROUGH THE SEVEN-COLORED VALLEY...
IT RUNS, THE SPRING... IT RUNS AND GOES, THE SPRING...
IT WAS DANCING AND SPINNING ROUND...
THE SPRING, IT WAS DANCING...

IT'S YOUR CELL-PHONE!
BRRR
BRRR
IT BOTHERS US EVEN HERE, ON OUR DESERT ISLAND...!
BRRR
BRRR


CHAPTER 74:
UNTIL NEXT
TUESDAY


BRRP

BRRRR
OR MISS KUSAMA?
MAYBE IT'S MISS ERI?
BRR
BRR
BRR
WHAT'RE YOU DOING? YOU JUST HAVE TO GO TO ANOTHER ROOM TO ANSWER!
CLAC
SSHH

BIP
BRRR
MAY WE SEE EACH OTHER TONIGHT?

PFF... MEN ARE ALL THE SAME...
NO, IT'S JUST THAT...
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU'RE NOT ALONE?
I MET A REALLY IMPORTANT PERSON... WHO WILL MANAGE TO BETTER UNDERSTAND KAKINUMA'S "GAME"!
WHAT IS IT?
AND DON'T FORGET THAT I WAS A TEACHER IN PRIMARY SCHOOL!
IT'S EASY TO KNOW WHEN YOU'RE LYING OR HIDING SOMETHING, JUST FROM THE TONE OF YOUR VOICE!
I CAN'T TELL YOU MORE BY PHONE!

MISS...
I'D LIKE YOU TO STOP CARING ABOUT THIS!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
EVERY-THING WILL END IN A WEEK!
I'M ALMOST SURE THAT... KAKINUMA WON'T HURT YOU OR ERI!
IT'S A WAR THAT ONLY CONCERNS KAKINUMA AND ME!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, BUT I SEE YOU'RE TRYING TO END THIS GAME BY PUTTING YOUR LIFE IN DANGER. YOU ALSO KNOW THAT YOU HAVE NO CHANCE OF WINNNG!

WHAT IF THIS STORY DOESN'T END WITH YOUR DEATH...!?
I ALREADY UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR PROBITY IS PARTLY DUE TO KAKINUMA'S RANCOR!
HURRY AND COME TO MY HOUSE!!
I'LL ALSO PUT MY LIFE IN DANGER, BUT I WANT TO GIVE YOU A PIECE OF ADVICE!

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO SPEND THIS WEEK TOGETHER WITHOUT ANYONE DISTURBING US!
WELL, DO YOU GET IT NOW?
BADAM
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TOLD ME THAT YOU PROBABLY WOULDN'T REMEMBER THE EVENT LINKED TO THE SONG "A TOWN IN BLOOM."
DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD STOP THIS?
I CAN'T STAND THE FOOD AT THIS HOTEL ANYMORE! WE'RE IN GINZA I'D LIKE TO DINE WITHOUT RESTRAINT IN GOOD RESTAURANTS!

YOU MUST REALIZE HOW SERIOUS THIS IS!!
BON
IN THE COMING WEEK, YOU'LL HAVE TO GATHER BACK AS MUCH INFORMATION AS YOU CAN. YOU GOT THAT!?
LET'S SAY IT'S A WAY TO THANK YOU FOR THE ATTACHMENT I HAVE FOR YOU!!

I'M GONNA TELL MY MEN NOT TO BOTHER YOU IN ANY WAY THIS WHOLE WEEK!

WHATEVER. WE'LL SEE EACH OTHER NEXT TUESDAY TO END ALL THIS!!

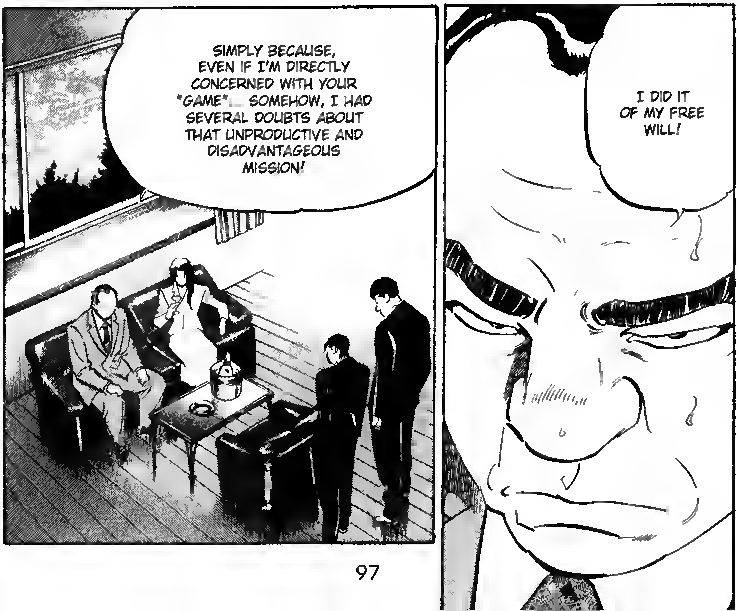
VROUM

DING
DONG
VROUUM
CLAC

LEAVE THE EXPLANATIONS FOR A BETTER TIME AND TELL ME...
WHO'S THAT WOMAN?
I'M STILL SKEPTICAL, BUT...IT SEEMS HE'S ON OUR SIDE NOW!
IT'S NOT THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE MET HIS SECRET AGENT, RIGHT?
...!?
IT'S NOT THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE MET, EITHER!
GOOD EVENING!

THAT YOUNG WOMAN HYP-NOTIZED YOU WHEN YOU WERE ON FLOOR 7S
SO YOU WOULD MEET ERI!
SHE MADE IT SO THAT YOU COULDN'T REMEMBER HER AFTERWARDS!
THEN, SHE DID THE SAME WITH ERI IN ORDER TO MAKE YOU TWO FALL IN LOVE!
TELL ME THIS ISN'T TRUE . . .

AND THE ONE WHO TOLD ME ABOUT HER WAS...
KAKINUMA HAS BEEN HER CLIENT


SIMPLY BECAUSE, EVEN IF I'M DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH YOUR "GAME"... SOMEHOW, I HAD SEVERAL DOUBTS ABOUT THAT UNPRODUCTIVE AND DISADVANTAGEOUS MISSION!
I DID IT OF MY FREE WILL!

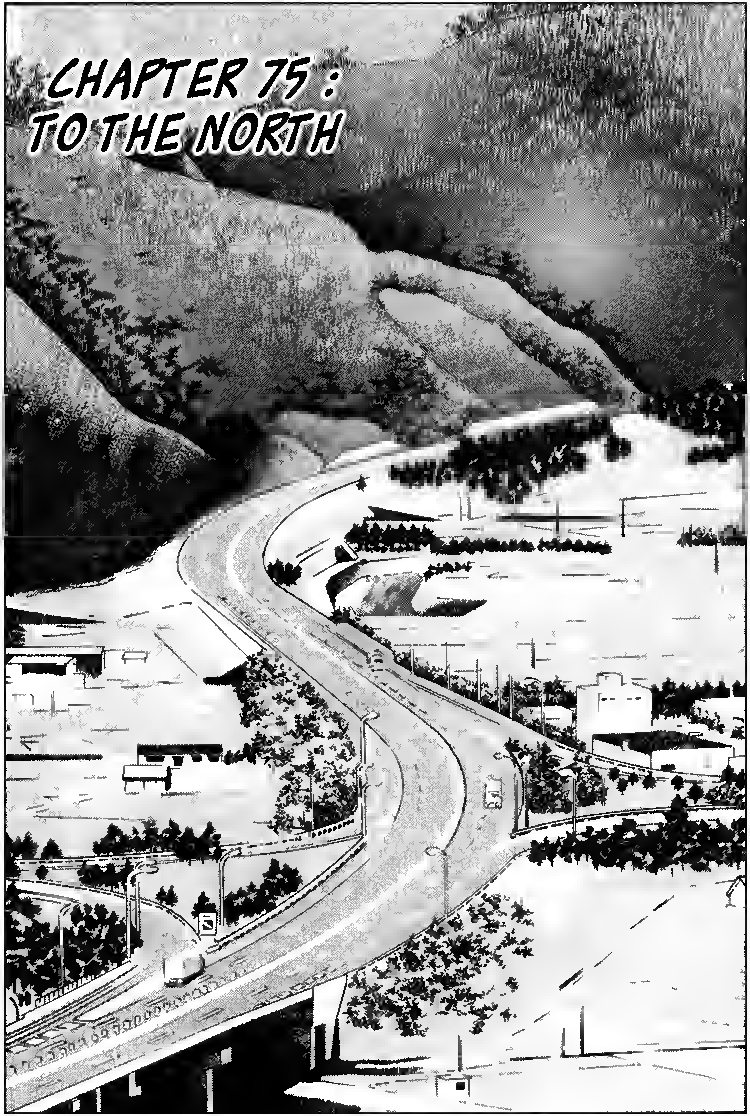
MY CONTACTS WITH MISS KUSAMA ARE ALL UNDER THE CONTROL OF MR. KAKINUMA
OR MAYBE
BRRR
IT'S HIGHLY PROBABLE!
BRRR

HELLO..

YOU'RE FIRED!

I KNOW IT'S A LITTLE BRUSQUE, BUT YOUR MISSION IS NOW OVER!
YOU ALL HAVE BEEN PAID IN ADVANCE, SO IT SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM, RIGHT!?
WHAT DID HE SAY!?
BP

HE ALSO TOLD ME TO GIVE YOU THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE...
HE'S JUST FIRED ME!
HE WON'T DO ANYTHING UNTIL NEXT TUESDAY...
BESIDES WAITING!!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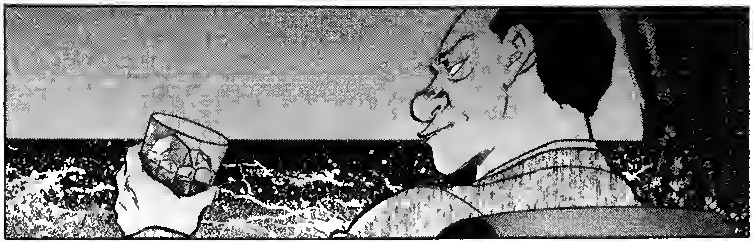
TO THE NORTH



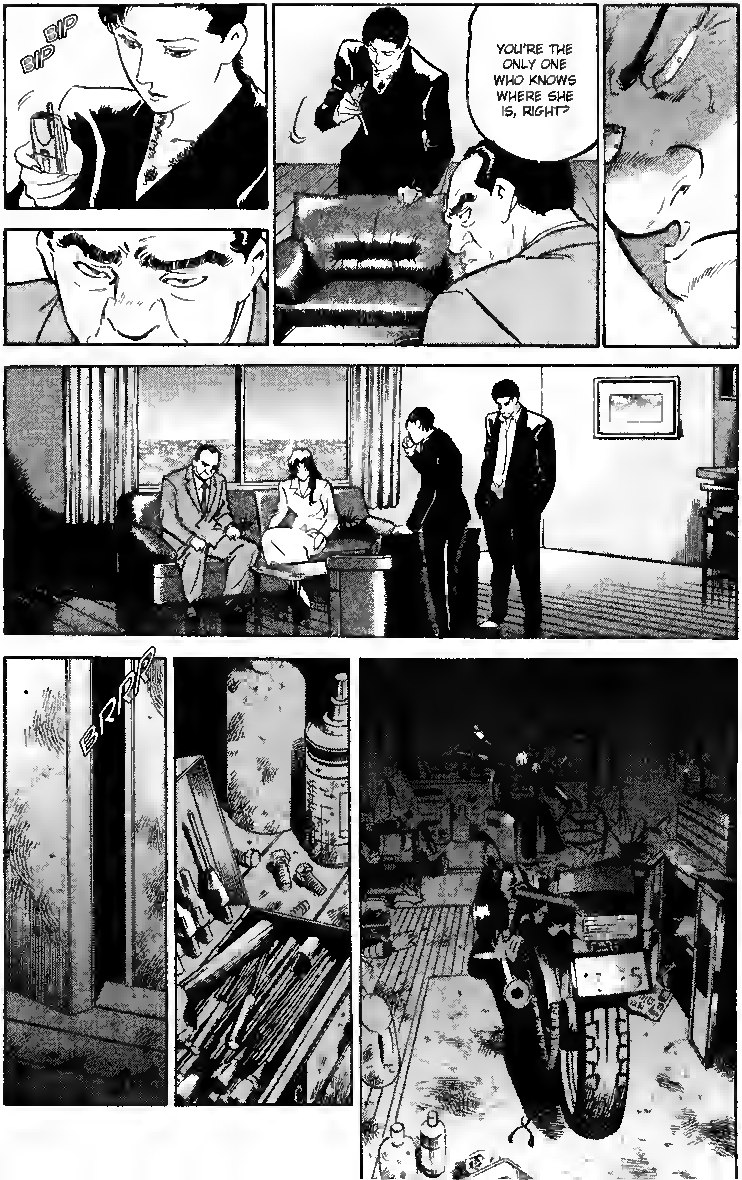
HI
HI
HI

NEXT TUESDAY?
HE ASKED NOT TO BE FOLLOWED, BUT...
WE WANTED TO SPEND THIS LAST WEEK TOGETHER AT A HOTEL IN GINZA...
THAT'S WHEN THE "GAME" WILL END, RIGHT?
OKAY, WE'LL TRUST YOU ON THIS ONE!
YES, EXACTLY! NOW THAT I'VE BEEN FIRED, YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT WITHOUT BEING FOLLOWED!
YOU WERE THE LEADER OF HIS TEAM?
ONE OF MY SUB-ORDI-NATES!

GOT IT! WE'LL BE CAREFUL!
BUT YOU MUSTN'T FORGET THAT HE COULD'VE HIRED ANOTHER TEAM TO DO THE JOB!
LET ME CONTINUE!
MR. GOTO, LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO A FAMOUS HYPNOTIST. HER STAGE NAME IS MISS SUZANNE HIROSE!
SSS
SHE'LL HELP YOU RECALL THE EVENT THAT HAS LINKED YOU TO MR KAKINUMA SINCE PRIMARY SCHOOL BY PERFORMING COUNTER-HYPNOSIS ON YOU. IS THAT ACCEPTABLE?

I THINK THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE!
I THINK HIS ENCOUNTER WITH MISS ERI HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH HYPNOSIS!
WELL, THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO BELIEVE!
THAT'S WHY HE COULD DEVELOP AN UNBELIEVABLE PSYCHOLOGICAL RESISTANCE!
IN THIS CASE, EVEN HYPNOSIS IS USELESS!
YES, BUT YOU TOLD ME THAT YOU COULD GET CONTROL OVER THE GUARD ON FLOOR 7!5
MERE HYPNOSIS IS ENOUGH FOR THE KIND OF GUYS WHO ONLY SHOW OFF!
THAT WAS CHILD'S PLAY!

I TALKED TO HIM FOR DAYS, WAITING FOR THE BEST MOMENT TO STRIKE!
I PASSED MYSELF OFF AS A COUNSELOR FOR LONG-TIME IMPRISONMENT
HOW DID YOU DO IT WITH GOTO, THEN?
IT WOULD BE EASY TO MAKE HIM REMEMBER THE EVENT YOU'RE SEARCHING FOR BY PERFORMING COUNTER-HYPNOSIS!
I THINK THAT...
MAYBE IF HE ATTENDS THE CANCELLATION OF ERI'S HYPNOSIS, THEN...
LET'S GO AND JOIN ERI!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YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS WHERE SHE IS, RIGHT?
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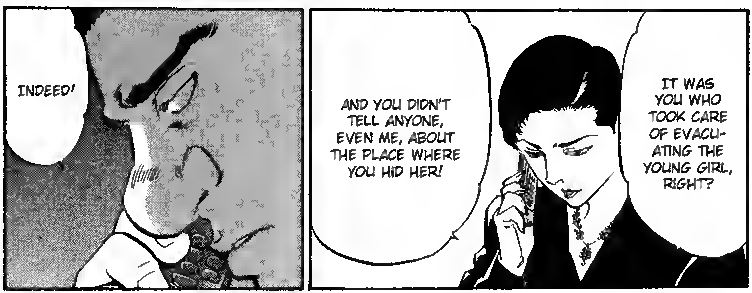
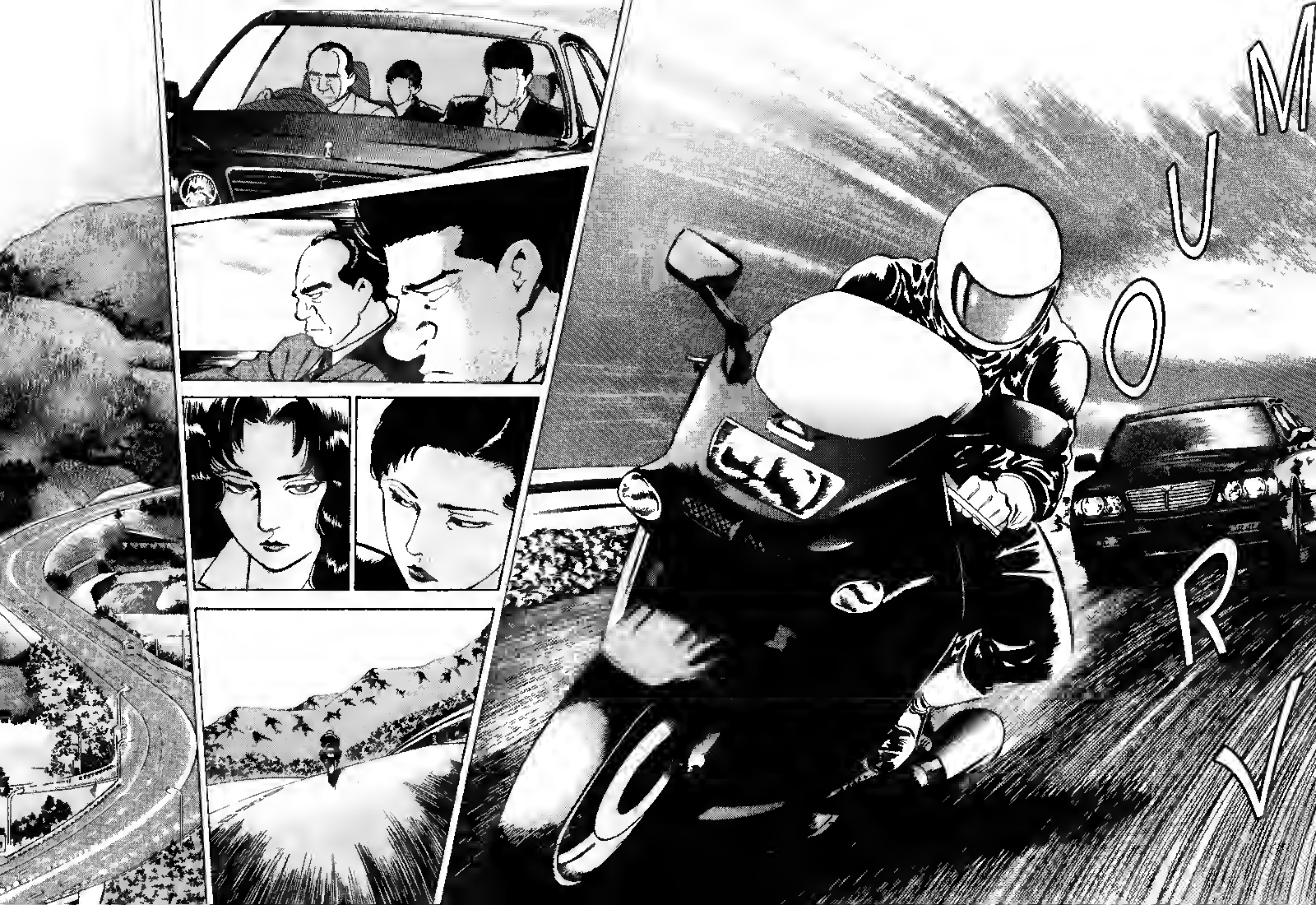
RRR...
BRRR

NANBU, IT'S ME!


INDEED!
AND YOU DIDN'T TELL ANYONE, EVEN ME, ABOUT THE PLACE WHERE YOU HID HER!
IT WAS YOU WHO TOOK CARE OF EVACUATING THE YOUNG GIRL, RIGHT?

HOW TO EXPLAIN...? IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S COMING TO AN END...
SO ...?
I'M SORRY TO ASK YOU THIS SO SUDDENLY, BUT COULD YOU LEAD US...
TO HER?
SHE'S AT MY PARENTS' PLACE, IN THE VICINITY OF HANAMAKI IN THE IWATE DISTRICT!
IT'S REALLY URGENT! THERE'S FOUR OF US AND WE'LL COME IN A CAR!
GOT IT!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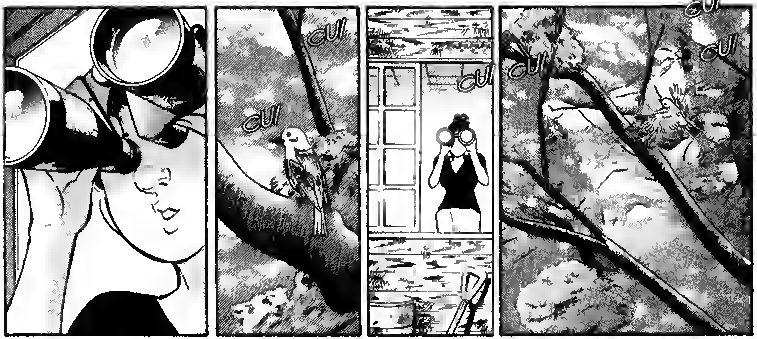
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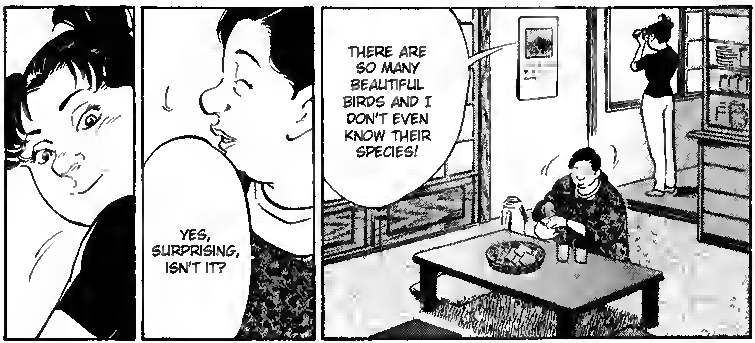
YES, SURPRISING, ISN'T IT?
THERE ARE SO MANY BEAUTIFUL BIRDS AND I DON'T EVEN KNOW THEIR SPECIES!

CLAC

AUNT!
WHAT'S GOING ON? IT'S SO SUDDEN!!

DON'T YOU WATCH THE NEWS? HE'S BEEN DENOUNCED AND ALL HER DEBTS HAVE BEEN CANCELED!
ERI OWED A LOT OF MONEY TO AN UNSCRUPULOUS BANKER!
I'M SORRY I LIED TO YOU!
COULDN'T YOU LEAVE TOMORROW?
THE CHILDREN REALLY LIKE ERI. WHY DOESN'T SHE STAY HERE ONE MORE NIGHT...?
WE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THAT
I'M IN A HURRY...
THEY SHOULD COME BACK SOON..

I'M REALLY SORRY...
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VROUM
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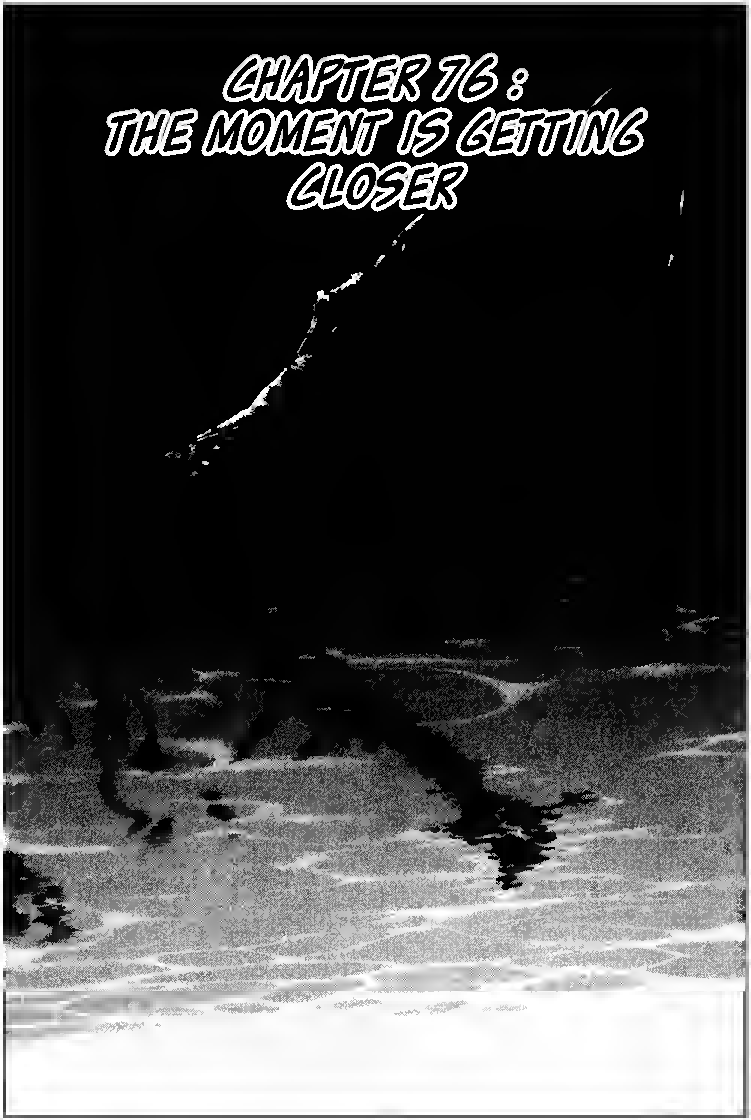
MISTER


CHAPTER 76 :
THE MOMENT IS GETTING
CLOSER

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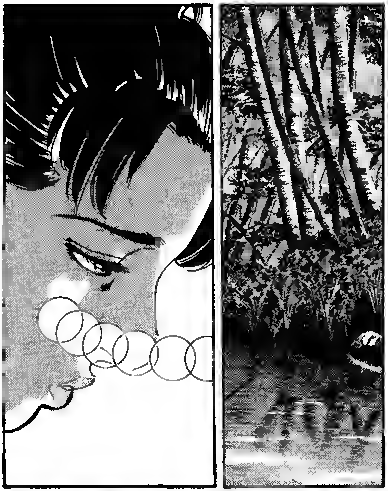
DO YOU REMEMBER SEEING THIS WOMAN?
I'M GONNA ASK YOU DIRECTLY!
NO, I'VE NEVER SEEN HER IN MY LIFE...
ER!...
YOU WERE HYPNOTIZED ON THE ORDER OF THE MAN WHO LOCKED UP GOTO FOR TEN YEARS!
...?!
I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS SUCH A BIG STORY!
THAT'S WHY I'D LIKE YOU TO LET ME TAKE THIS UPON MYSELF!

GET RID OF YOUR THOUGHTS, TRY TO PUT YOURSELF IN A STATE OF CALM...
NOW, YOU'RE ONLY LISTENING TO MY VOICE...
WHEN I SNAP MY FINGERS, YOU'LL REMEMBER THE CONTENT OF THE HYPNOSIS THAT WAS PERFORMED ON YOU...
CLAC


COME ON, TELL US EVERY-THING!

枝豆
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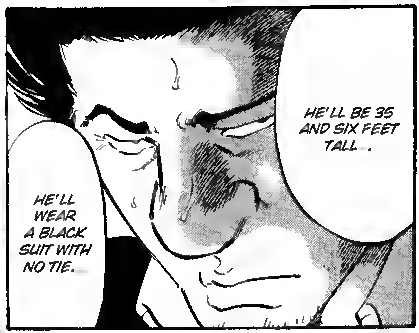
やきそば
おでん
I'LL GET CLOSE TO HIM AND OFFER HIM MY VIRGINITY ..

I'LL MEET A CALM MAN WHO WILL EMIT A DIF-FERENT AURA FROM THE OTHERS.
SOME-WHERE
FRY


HE'LL BE 35 AND SIX FEET TALL.
HE'LL WEAR A BLACK SUIT WITH NO TIE.

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FRT
AND WE WILL LOVE EACH OTHER ..
HOWEVER, YOU'VE BEEN SUBJECTED TO ANOTHER HYPNOSIS, A LITTLE BIT LIKE AN EXTRA...
FRT
BY ANOTHER WOMAN .

WHEN I SNAP MY FINGERS, YOU'LL TELL US THE INSTRUC-TIONS THAT YOU WERE GIVEN!
FRT
FRT
FRT
FRT
COME ON!

PLEASE, GIVE ME THE PASSWORD...
I KNEW IT...
A PASS-WORD...!?
PLEASE, GIVE ME THE PASSWORD

5... 4...
3... 2...
WHEN THE COUNTDOWN IS OVER, YOU'LL WAKE UP.
AND YOU'LL REMEMBER WHAT JUST HAPPENED!
MISTER
...1.
TAP
I NEVER WANTED TO CHEAT ON YOU..

WE CAN'T REMOVE THE PREVIOUS HYPNOSIS IF WE DON'T SAY THE PASSWORD!
THAT'S WHAT I FEARED. WE NEED A KEY!
THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE!
DO SOME-THING...!
WE CAN'T FIND THE PASS-WORD!
THERE ARE AS MANY WORDS AS STARS IN THE SKY... WE DON'T EVEN KNOW IF IT'S A REAL WORD OR NOT!

YES!
KYOKO KATAOKA
THE WOMAN THAT HYPNOTIZED ERI DURING THOSE FIVE MINUTES... IS NONE OTHER THAN KAKINUMA'S SECRETARY!
IT'S SIMPLE!
I DON'T THINK SHE'LL TELL US ANYTHING...
I KNOW HER WELL AND I EVEN KNOW WHERE SHE LIVES!
WE'RE GONNA KIDNAP HER!
WE MUST NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE TRUTH SERUM'S POWER!

WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME! WE MUST FIND OUT WHAT THAT FAMOUS EVENT IS!!
BEFORE GOING BACK TO TOKYO, LET'S SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY, IN THIS QUIET PLACE, TO TAKE AN INTEREST IN THE CORE OF THIS "GAME."
BUT ABOVE ALL...
FRT
FRT
WELL, SUZANNE, IT'S UP TO YOU FOR THE COUNTER-HYPNOSIS!
THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT YOU, LIKE ERI, WERE HYPNOTIZED WHEN YOU WERE LOCKED UP ON FLOOR 7.5, RIGHT?
GOTO...
FRT
FRT
FRT

35...
34...
33...
17... 16...
15... 14...
13...
YOU'RE A 12-YEAR-OLD BOY

YOU'RE IN THE MUSIC CLASS-ROOM...
OKAY, YOU CAN ASK YOUR QUESTIONS NOW!
THE SONG SELECTION...
WHAT'S GOING ON RIGHT NOW?

MY HEART IS POUNDING AS I WAIT FOR MY TURN .. I DON'T LIKE THIS!
SO, THAT'S IT, YOU'RE NO GOOD AT SINGING, THAT'S WHY YOU CAN'T STAY CALM...
ACCOMPANIED BY OUR MUSIC TEACHER, WE'LL SING AS WE ARE CALLED UP... OKI'S FIRST...
HAS THE SELECTION STARTED YET?
PFF... YOU'RE REALLY SHY!
THE SONG TITLE?
A TOWN IN BLOOM...

IT RUNS, THE SPRING... IT RUNS AND GOES, THE SPRING...
IN THE TOWN IN BLOOM... I SAW BEAUTIFUL SEA...
A RIBBON OF WIND IS FLOATING THROUGH THE SEVEN-COLORED VALLEY
AKIYOSHI ...
TELL ME, WHO'S SINGING RIGHT NOW?
IT WAS DANCING AND SPINNING ROUND, THE SPRING

SOMEONE'S SINGING, RIGHT?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
KAKINUMA...
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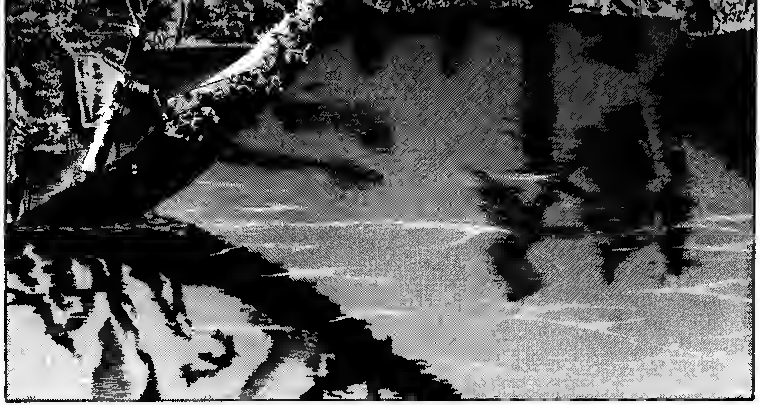
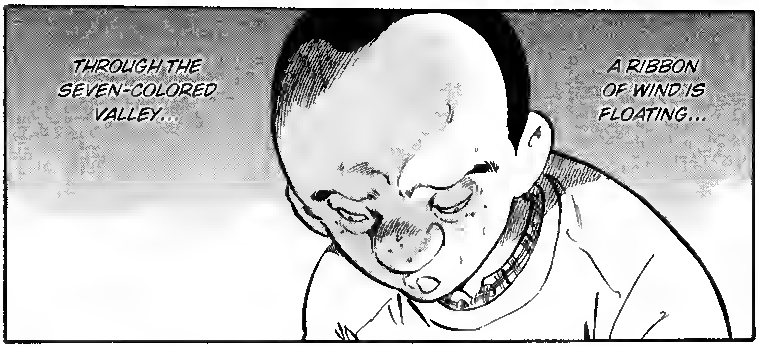
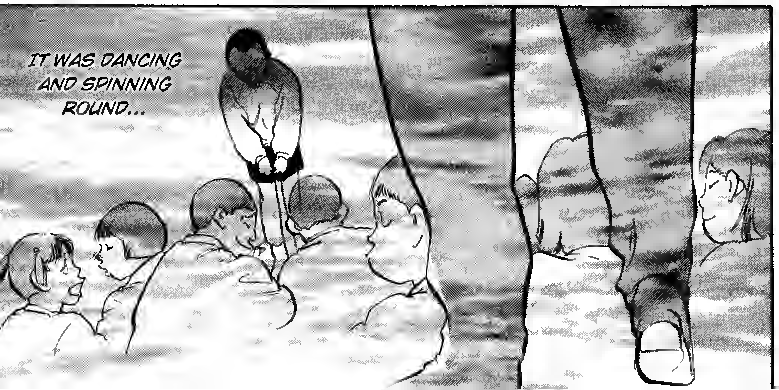



THROUGH THE SEVEN-COLORED VALLEY...
A RIBBON OF WIND IS FLOATING...

IT RUNS,
THE SPRING...
IT RUNS AND GOES,
THE SPRING...
IT WAS DANCING
AND SPINNING ROUND
THE SPRING...

CHAPTER 77 : THE MYSTERY OF THE SONG UNVEILED

I SAW A BEAUTIFUL SEA
IN THE TOWN IN BLOOM.
IT RUNS AND GOES, THE SPRING...
IT WAS DANCING AND SPINNING ROUND, THE SPRING...


IT WAS DANCING AND SPINNING ROUND...

IT WAS DANCING...
IT WAS DANCING...
THE SPRING...

WHAT'S GOING ON!?
GOTO!!
BLOW
MISTER!!
WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED, DAMMIT!?

THERE'S NO RISK OF PSYCHOLOGICAL AFTER-EFFECTS... HE'LL WAKE UP IN A FEW HOURS!
LEAVE HIM ALONE!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW!?
I WAS TOO OPTIMISTIC!
FRT
FRT

WHY DOES KAKINUMA HAVE SO MUCH ANIMOSITY TOWARDS GOTO?
YES, BUT THIS DOESN'T SOLVE ANYTHING!
I THINK HE FAINTED AS A WAY TO ESCAPE!
THIS WAS A VERY OUT-STANDING EXPERIENCE!
SAY, YOUNG MAN...
CAN YOU GIVE ME A RIDE TO THE TRAIN STATION SO I CAN TAKE THE FIRST TRAIN OUT OF HERE?
I FOLLOWED YOU UP TO THIS POINT SIMPLY BECAUSE I WANTED TO MAKE YOU ENJOY THE PLEASURES OF LESBIAN LOVE!
I DON'T THINK WE'LL SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN!

VROUM
GOODBYE!
TAKE CARE!

CUT
CUT
CUT

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WHERE'S GOTO...!?

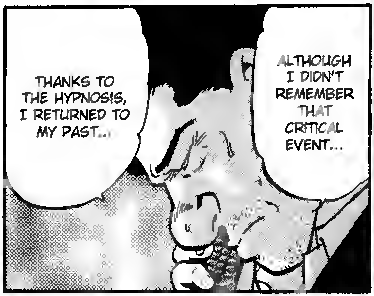
MAYBE HE'S GONE FOR A WALK...?
MIS-TER !!
I BROUGHT THE YOUNG WOMAN TO THE TRAIN STATION

BRRR
BRRR
BRRR
IT'S YOUR CELLPHONE, MISS KUSAMA!
DZZ
DZZ

THIS WILL BE MY LAST CALL!
WHERE ARE YOU...!?
...
I'LL PURIFY MY HEART AND SPIRIT FOR SEVERAL DAYS...
DZL
AND THEN, I'LL GO BACK TO TOKYO NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT...
WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO!?

ANY CHANCE OF WINNING?

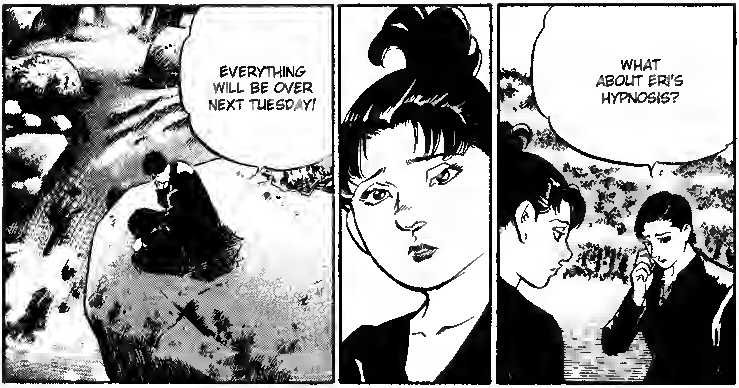
TO CONFRONT HIM!


THANKS TO THE HYPNOSIS, I RETURNED TO MY PAST...
ALTHOUGH I DIDN'T REMEMBER THAT CRITICAL EVENT...

I WAS MOVED BY KAKINUMA'S SONG!

DZ
I.

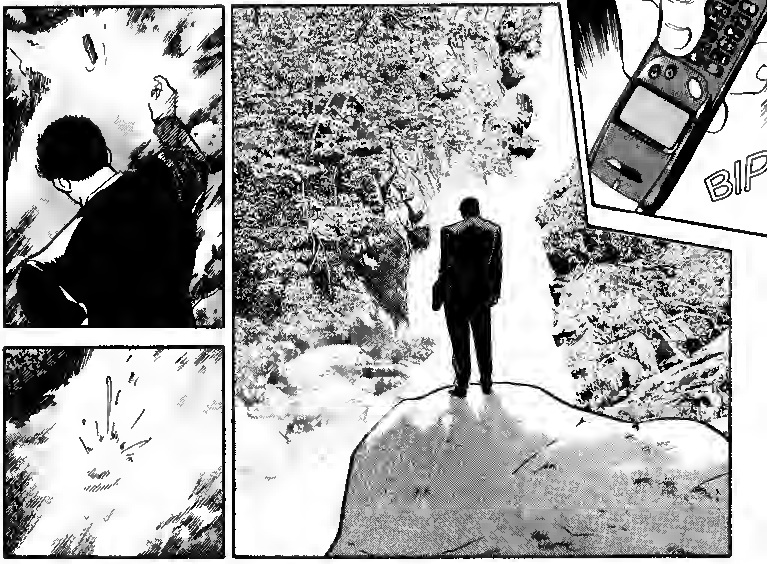
KAKINUMA, THE ONE THAT EVERYONE HATED... WELL, HIS SONG PIERCED THROUGH ME AND MADE ME TREMBLE!
IT WASN'T A BEAUTIFUL VOICE, BUT... IT WAS AS IF HIS SOUL WAS SINGING...
NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT!
I DON'T KNOW, BUT... THE CORE OF THIS "WAR" OR "GAME" IS OBVIOUSLY AN EMOTION I FELT!
THAT WOULD BE WHY KAKINUMA HAS FELT SO MUCH RANCOR ALL THOSE YEARS...?
I DIDN'T WANT TO ACCEPT THE TRUTH, SO I PROBABLY HID THAT EXPERIENCE DEEP INSIDE ME...
YOU'RE WELCOME!
MISS KUSAMA... I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP ANYMORE! I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING!


EVERYTHING WILL BE OVER NEXT TUESDAY!
WHAT ABOUT ERI'S HYPNOSIS?

WE'LL GO BACK TO TOKYO!
GOT IT!

MISTER, I'VE NEVER TRIED TO CHEAT ON YOU.
MAY I TALK TO ERI, PLEASE?

YOU HATE ME NOW, DON'T YOU?
I KNOW...
I'M SORRY ...
READ IT WHEN NO ONE'S WATCHING!
...!!
I PUT A NOTE IN YOUR HAIR!


BIP

CHAPTER 78 :
LONELINESS

VROUM

LET ME FINISH THIS LAST WORK!
I DON'T THINK I'LL EVER SEE GOTO AGAIN, BUT...
MISS KUSAMA
POOR GIRL, IT MUST'VE BEEN A REAL SHOCK FOR HER
OKAY, I'LL WAIT FOR YOU, EVEN IF I KNOW THERE'S ALMOST NO HOPE!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF FINDING MR KAKINUMA'S SECRETARY, MISS KYOKO KATAOKA!
THOSE FIVE MINUTES OF BLANKNESS DURING HER HYPNOSIS

I don't want to be long...
We've two people that have been controlled by hypnosis! Though I felt a mysterious urge when we met!

I DON'T WANT TO BE LONG... WE'RE TWO PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN CONTROLLED BY HYPNOSIS! THOUGH, I FELT A MYSTERIOUS URGE WHEN WE MET! ONE MONTH AFTER MY CONFRONTATION WITH KAKINUMA... IF I SURVIVE, I WILL WAIT FOR YOU AT THAT BRIDGE ON AUGUST 7TH AT 3 A M...
VROUM
VROUM

TCHAC
TCHAC
BOM

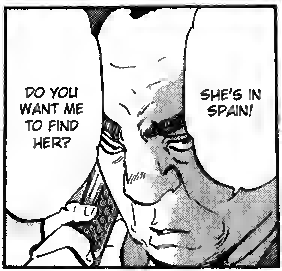
I DON'T FEEL ANYTHING... I DON'T EVEN FEEL SADNESS... I'VE EVEN GIVEN UP HOPE...
WHEN THE TIME COMES, I'LL FIGHT HIM...
THAT IS MY ONE AND ONLY CHANCE...

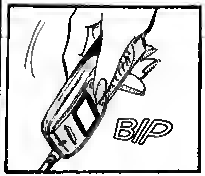
IT WENT SO FAR...
WILL I BE ABLE TO WRITE THAT "STORY"...!?

I KNEW IT...

MISS KATAOKA WENT ABROAD

BRRR


DO YOU WANT ME TO FIND HER?
SHE'S IN SPAIN!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I DOUBTED YOU AT FIRST, BUT IN THE END, YOU'RE A GOOD MAN WHO COULDN'T ACCEPT KAKINUMA'S MADNESS!
PROMISE ME YOU'LL FORGET ALL THIS!
LET'S STOP ALL THIS...
...
OKAY ...

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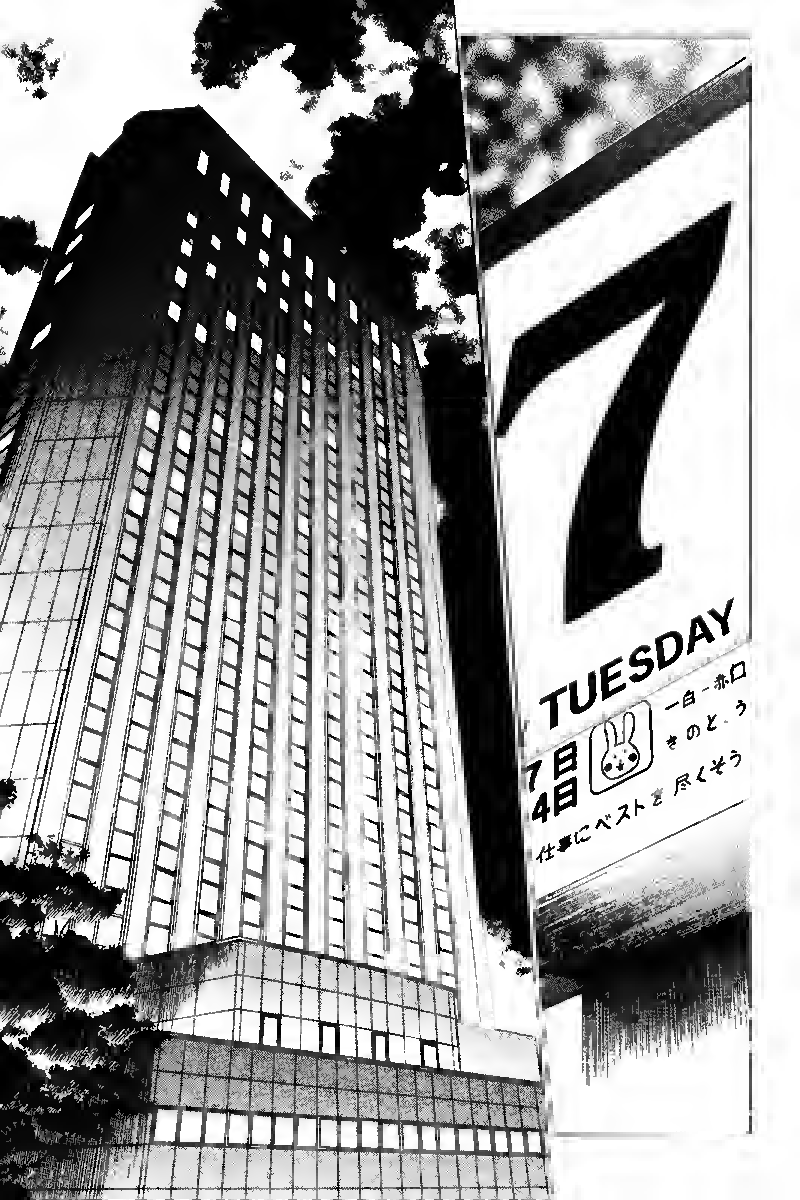
6
MONDAY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TUESDAY
7月
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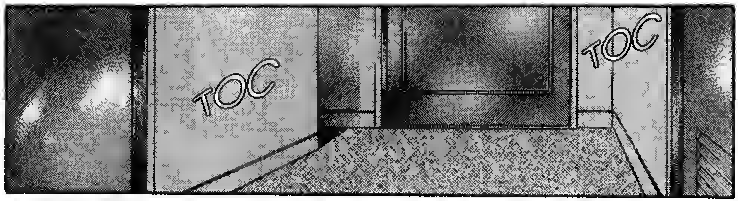
仕事にベストを尽くそう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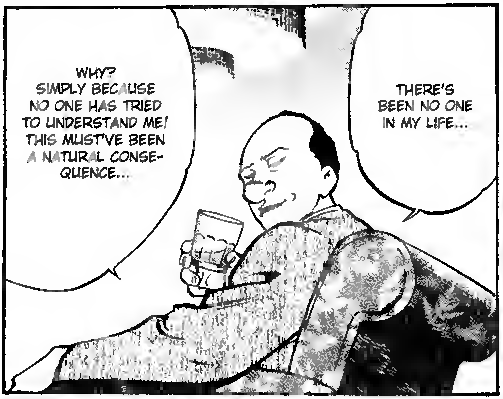
KRI

HELLO

DO YOU WANNA DRINK SOMETHING WITH ME?
HI HI HI
I'M NOT THIRSTY!
HAS THE GATHERING BEEN ANY GOOD...?
ONE WEEK IS REALLY SHORT!

GLOU
GLOU
GLOU
TOP
IS THERE SOMEONE THAT YOU CAN CALL A "FRIEND"?
OR A WOMAN THAT YOU TRULY LOVE?


WHY? SIMPLY BECAUSE NO ONE HAS TRIED TO UNDERSTAND ME! THIS MUST'VE BEEN A NATURAL CONSE-QUENCE...
THERE'S BEEN NO ONE IN MY LIFE...

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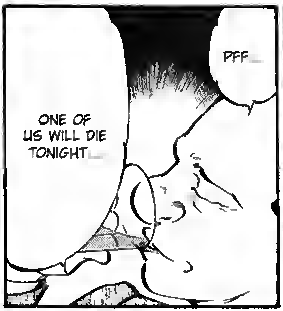
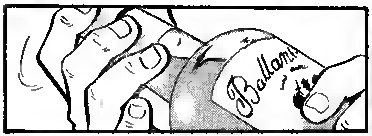

PFF...
ONE OF US WILL DIE TONIGHT...

I DIDN'T COME TO CHAT!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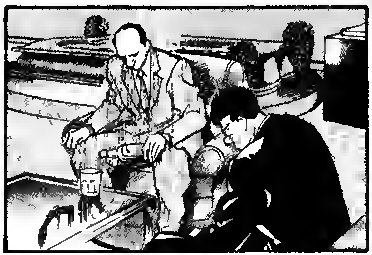
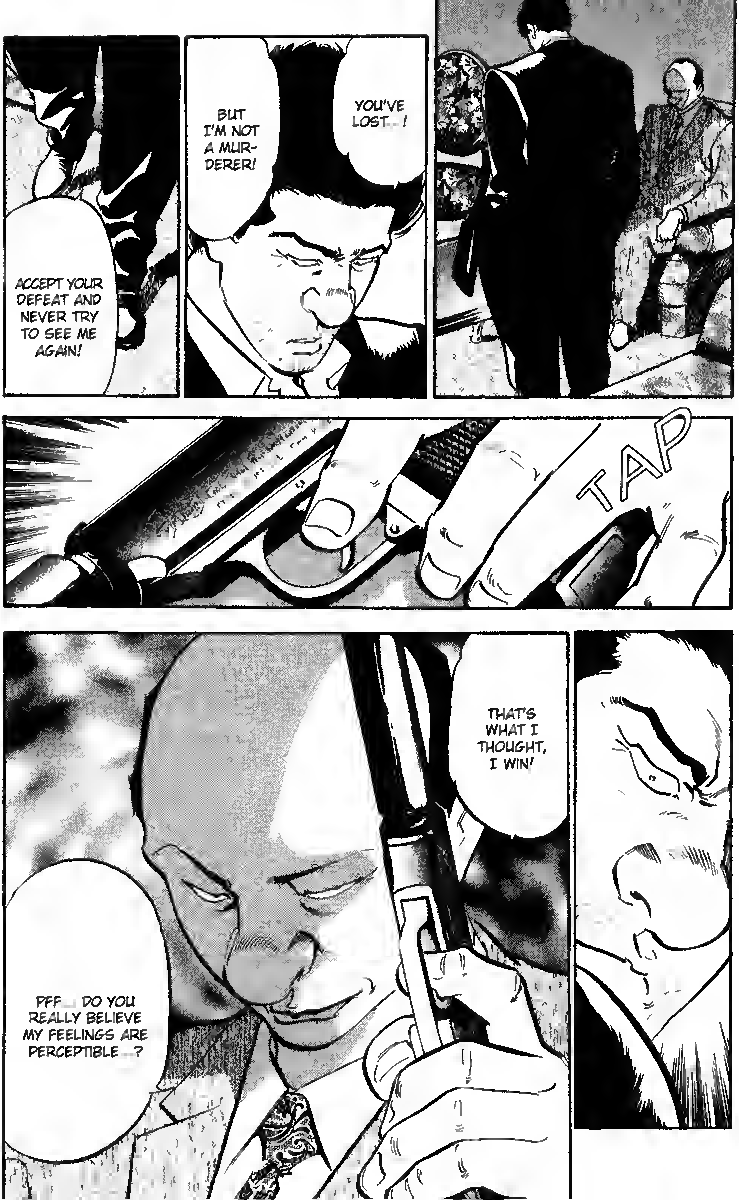


LET'S HURRY AND FINISH THIS "GAME!"

WHAT HURT MY HEART SO DEEPLY?
WELL...
IT'S SIMPLY BECAUSE I WAS TOUCHED BY YOUR SINGING!

YOU HAD THE BEST GRADES IN THE CLASS, BUT YOU EMITTED A STRANGE AURA... EVEN THOUGH ALL THE OTHERS MADE FUN OF YOU WHEN YOU SANG...
I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO FELT SUCH A STRONG EMOTION!

THAT INNATE DISTRUST, WHICH WAS A CHARACTERISTIC OF YOURS BUT ALSO YOUR MAIN HANDICAP, TOTTERED
AND THAT'S BECALISE YOU REALIZED THAT YOU WERE ASHAMED OF HATING ME!! THAT'S THE REASON!!


ACCEPT YOUR DEFEAT AND NEVER TRY TO SEE ME AGAIN!
BUT I'M NOT A MURDERER!
YOU'VE LOST...!
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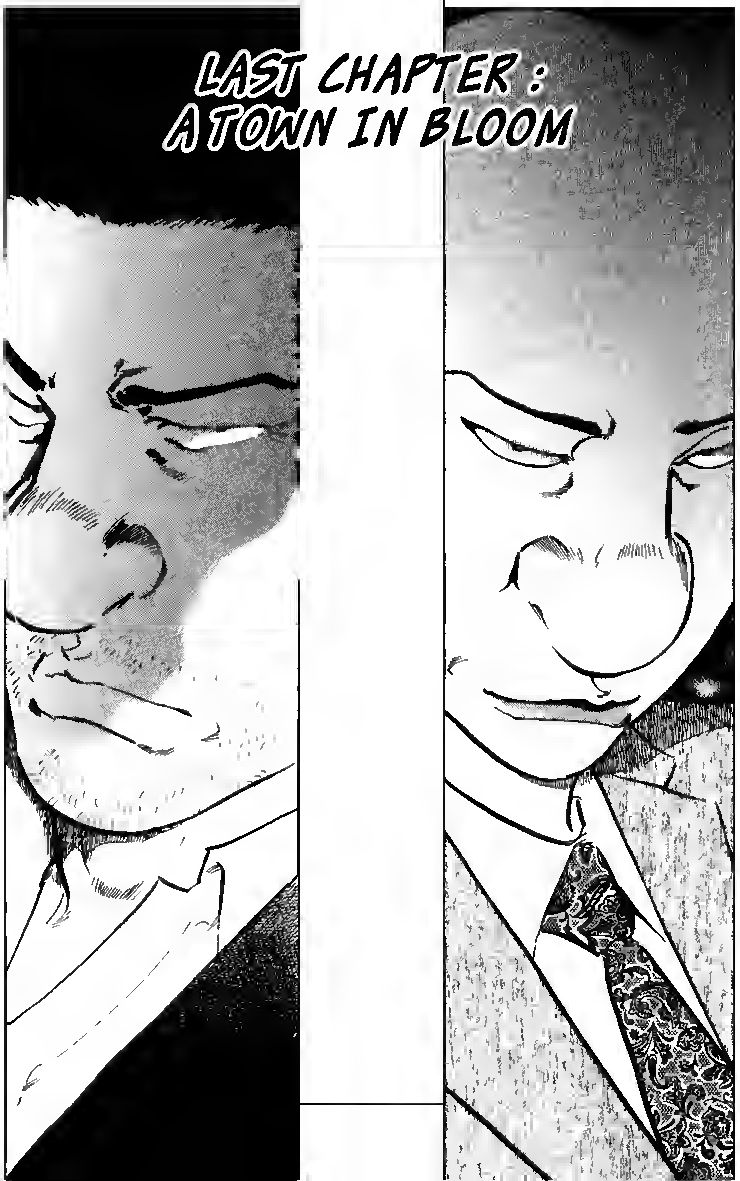
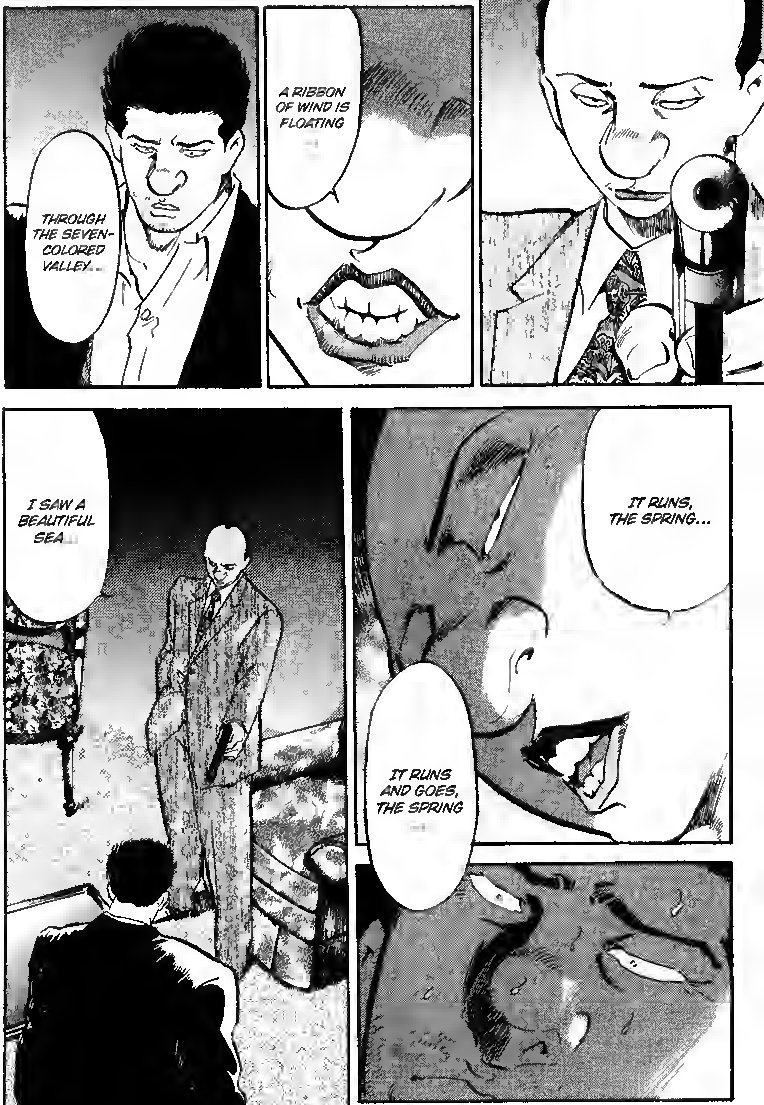
PFF... DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE MY FEELINGS ARE PERCEPTIBLE...?
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT, I WIN!

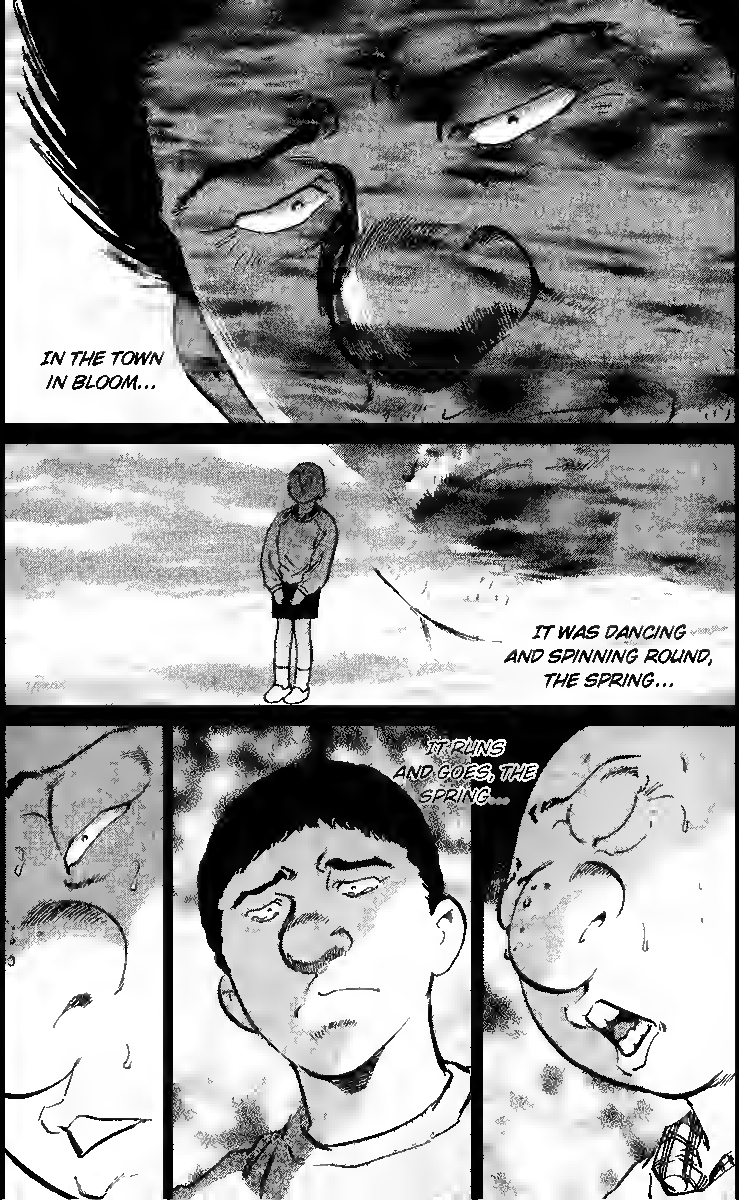
THAT FAMOUS EVENT IS SOMETHING MORE CONCRETE!!

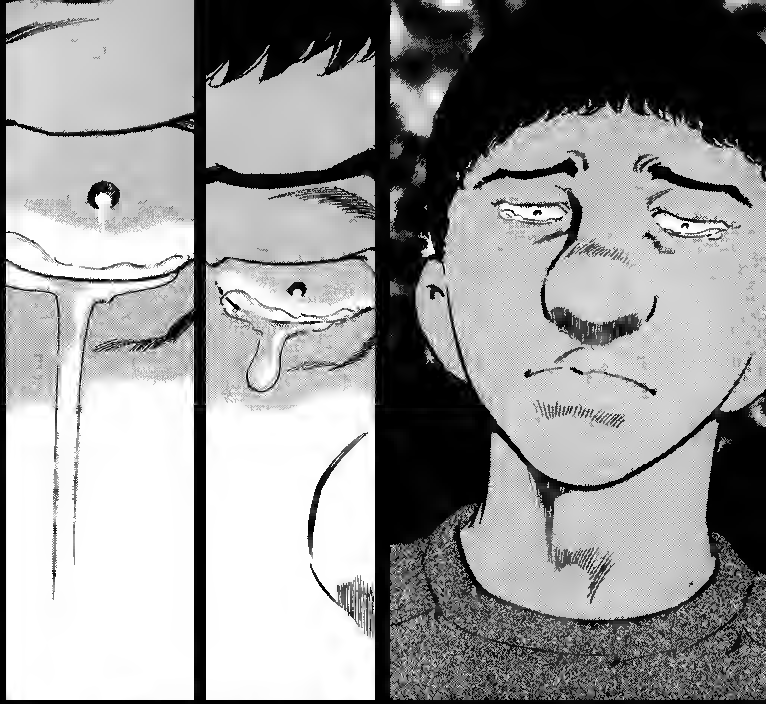

LAST CHAPTER :
A TOWN IN BLOOM

SO, YOU DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING?
THAT'S NOTHING BUT A PROCESS!
YOU LISTENED TO MY SONG AND IT MOVED YOU....!?
I'M THE WINNER!!
THE "GAME" IS OVER!

LIE!
THE SONG
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MUSIC CLASSROOM, I'VE NEVER SUNG IT IN MY LIFE, BUT...
SHUT THE HELL UP!!
CLICK
YOU'RE LYING..


THROUGH THE SEVEN-COLORED VALLEY...
A RIBBON OF WIND IS FLOATING
I SAW A BEAUTIFUL SEA...
IT RUNS, THE SPRING...
IT RUNS AND GOES, THE SPRING

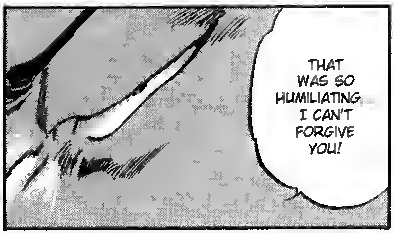

IN THE TOWN IN BLOOM...
IT WAS DANCING AND SPINNING ROUND, THE SPRING...
IT RUNS AND GOES, THE SPRING...

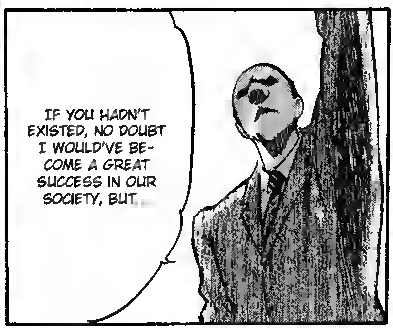


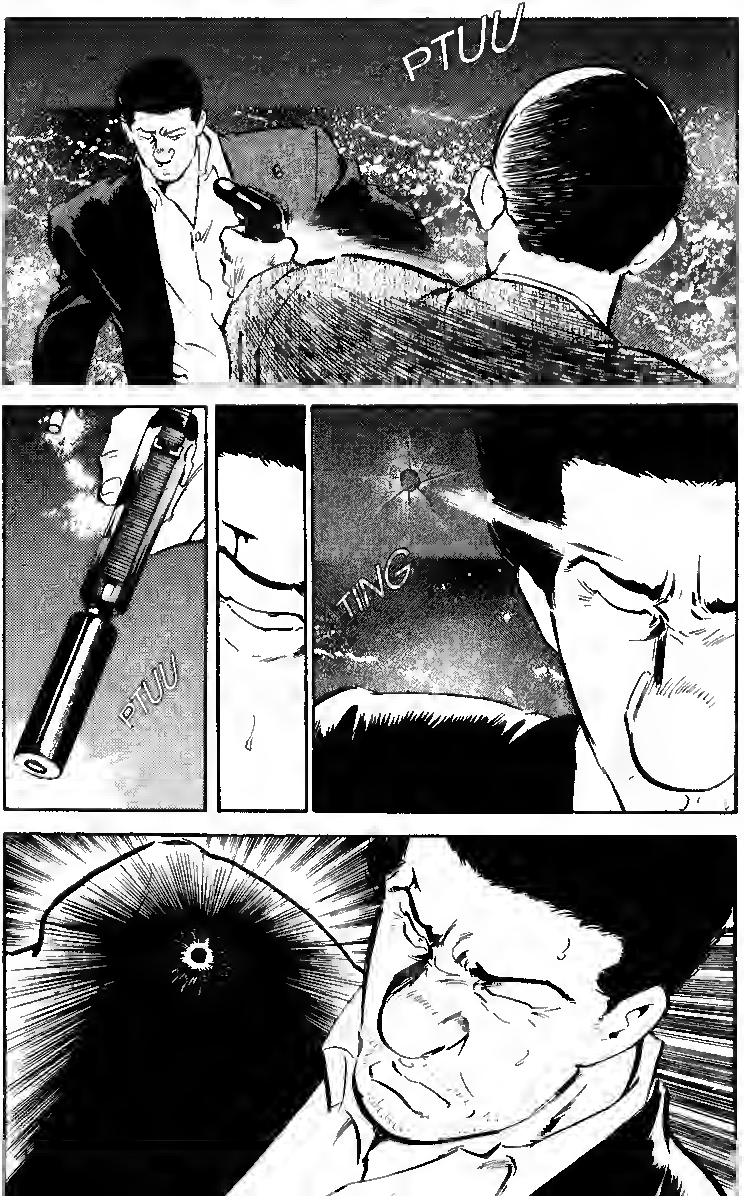
IT WAS DANCING AND SPINNING ROUND, THE SPRING...
AT THAT TIME, YOU CRIED...!
YOU, WHO DIDN'T KNOW WHAT CRYING MEANT, YOU ERASED THAT MOMENT FROM YOUR MEMORY!

THROUGH-OUT MY LIFE, YOU'VE BEEN THE ONLY ONE...
WHO UNDER-STOOD MY LONELINESS!

YOU WERE THERE...


THAT WAS SO HUMILIATING. I CAN'T FORGIVE YOU!


IF YOU HADN'T EXISTED, NO DOUBT I WOULD'VE BE-COME A GREAT SUCCESS IN OUR SOCIETY, BUT...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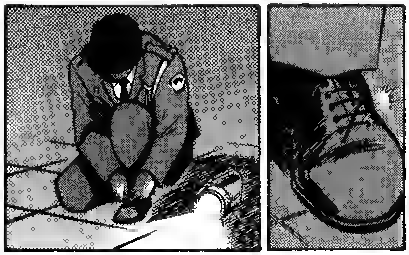

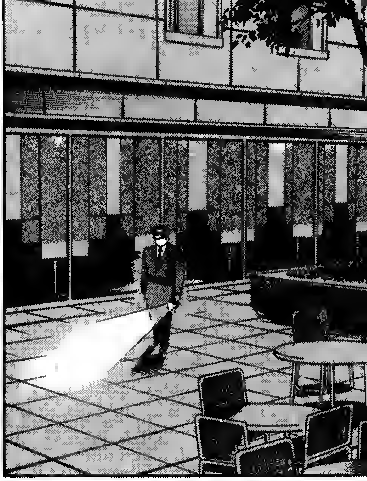

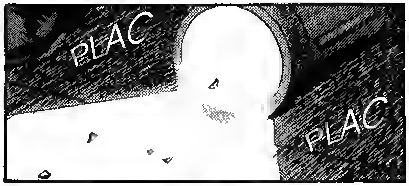
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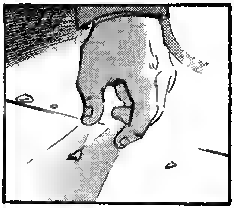
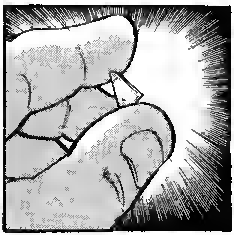
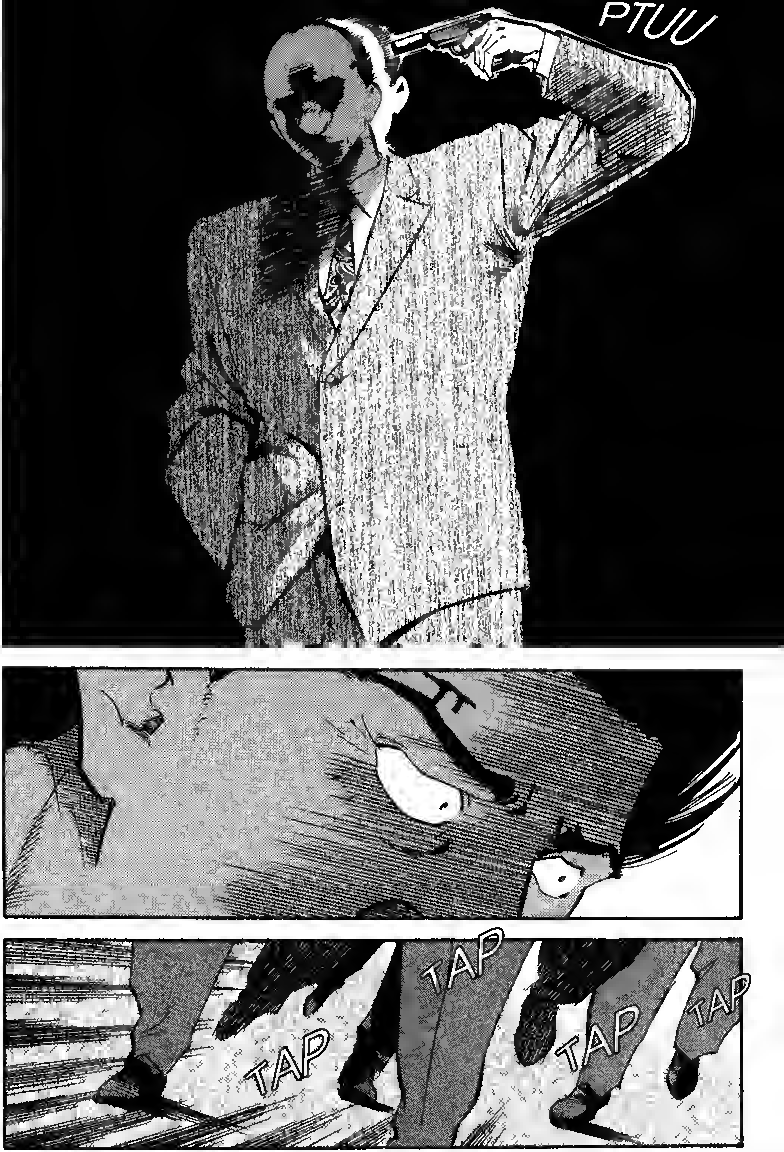




SO, THAT'S YOUR REVENGE?
I HAD ORGANIZED EVERYTHING SO THAT YOU WOULD BECOME AN INVALID, BUT...
IF IT WERE POSSIBLE, I WOULD'VE LIKED YOU TO COMMIT CRIMES
I WANTED TO BE LIKE YOU SO MUCH...!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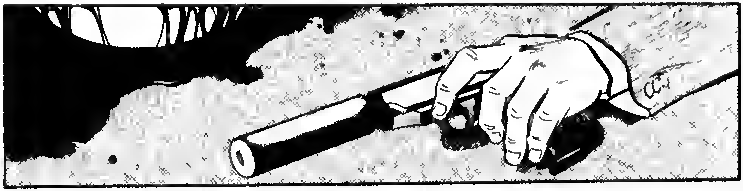

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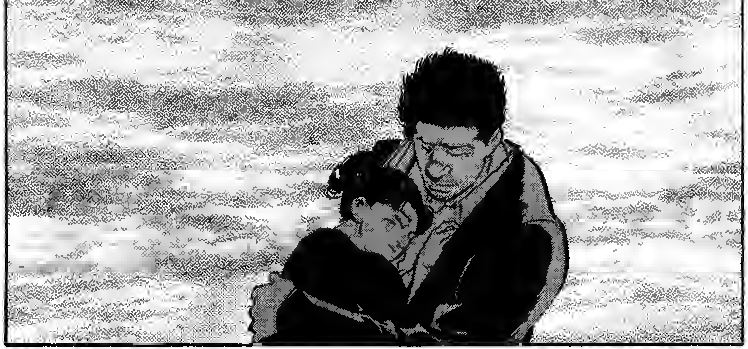

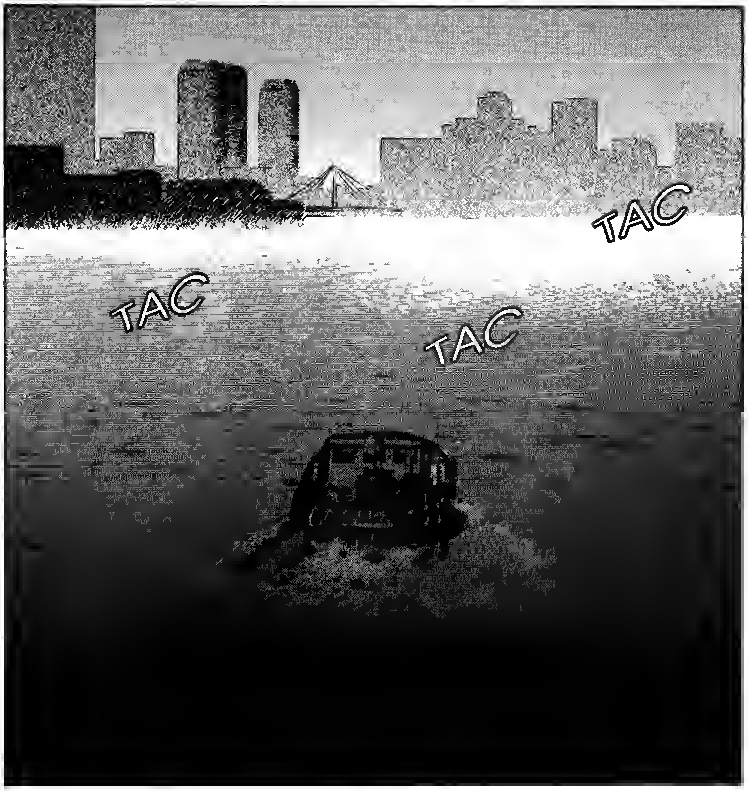
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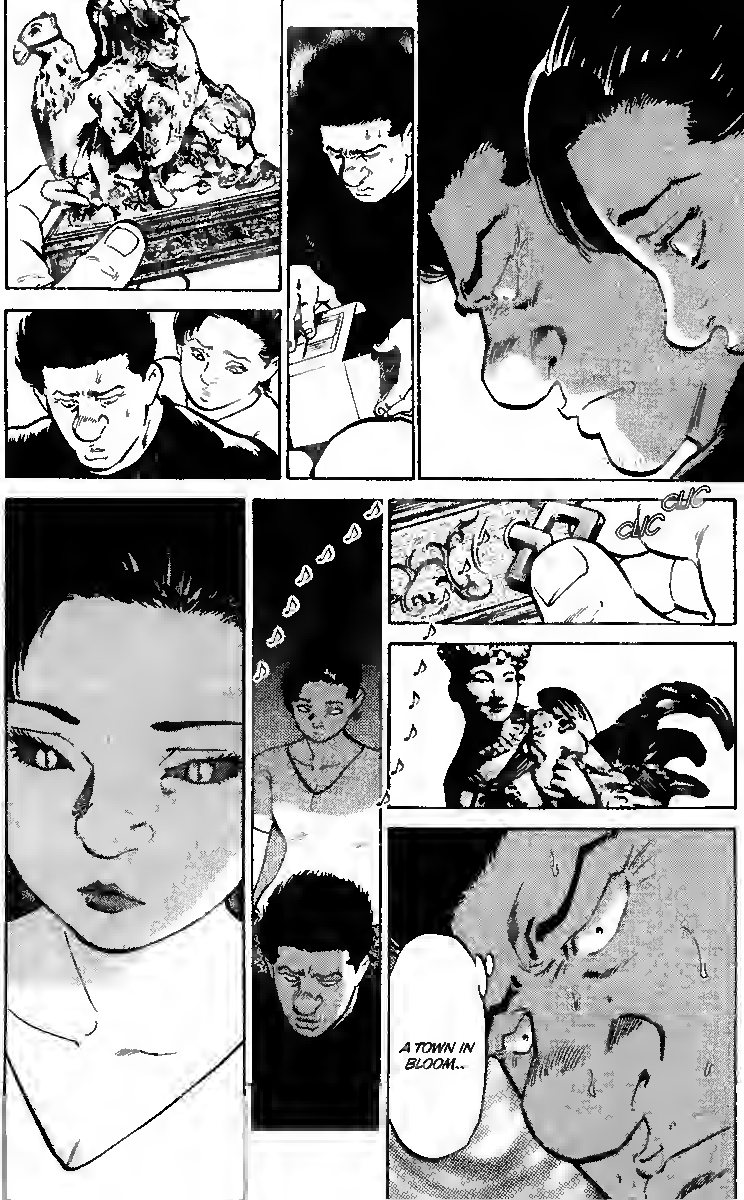
EPILOGUE

IT'S A DELIV-ERY!
DING DONG
DON'T WORRY
HONEY, THE LIFE OF A BREADWINNER IS TOUGH, BUT YOU CAN DO IT! I'M COUNTING ON YOU!
THANK YOU!
HERE IT IS!
WHAT!?
電話番号
SENDER
NICKNAME DOJIMA
依頼主
品名


CLIC CLIC
A TOWN IN BLOOM..

PFF
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THAT "WAR" ISN'T OVER YET...